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## RETAKEING OF BERBERA TRAPS ITALIANS IN WHOLE OF E. AFRICA

Special to the "Telegraph"  
LONDON, MAR. 17 (UP).—THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, MEANS THAT THE BRITISH HAVE TRAPPED THE ITALIANS IN ERITREA, ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND ABYSSINIA.

### YUGO-SLAVIA'S FIRM STAND

Nazis Meet With Set-Back

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—There are authentic indications that German plans met a setback in Yugo-Slavia and a first consequence has been to slow down whatever action Germany contemplated against Greece.

### ROOSEVELT STIRS THE UNIVERSE

Reaction To Speech

ATHENS, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—By its President's speech, declares the newspaper "Proton" to-day, the United States ranges itself not only from a material standpoint but above all from a moral standpoint alongside the nations fighting for justice, liberty and civilisation.

That constitutes a guarantee that these three things will finally conquer their enemies, the paper adds. Other papers all welcome President Roosevelt's speech, a typical comment being that of "Eleftheron Vima": "Greece will show her worth of the confidence, the great American nation has shown in her, and after victory is won, will show her gratitude to those who left her ample and spontaneous assistance."

**S. African Confidence**  
CAPE TOWN, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Confidence is expressed in Government circles here that the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill will expedite the defeat of the Axis.

**Severing of Relations**  
NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—That Hitler will soon sever relations with the United States, is considered likely by Washington diplomatic observers, according to Mr. William Simms, the well-known writer on the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

**JAPANESE TALKS IN N.E.I.**  
—Friendly  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BATAVIA, Mar. 17 (Domei).—The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, chief delegate to the Japanese-Dutch economic conversations, will leave on Friday for a visit to Medan on the northern part of the island.

**Nanking Official Assassinated**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SHANGHAI, Mar. 18 (UP).—A gunman shot and killed Hu Shao-ling, a pro-Wang Ching-wei official at 10 o'clock last night in the Shanghai department store area while hundreds of persons were on the street.

**Bristol People Trapped By Lull in Air "Blitz"**  
Special to the "Telegraph"  
BRISTOL, Mar. 17 (UP).—A lull between two air raids here last night fooled many people who left the air raid shelters and went to bed. They were caught in an intense "blitz" in which there were many casualties, including some killed.

The Admiralty announced last week that the small strait of Bab-el-Mandeb had been mined, closing the outlet to the Italians in Eritrea.

With the British holding the key ports in Italian and British Somalilands, the Italians there and also those in Abyssinia are isolated.

The recapture of Berbera also means it will be easier for the British to supply their forces harassing Diredda, Jijiga and Harar.

### BOMBS ON BENITO

Successful Raids In Middle East

CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Further successful R.A.F. raids were announced in a Middle East R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Heavy attacks were made on aerodromes at Castel Benito and Makina in Tripolitania. A direct hit was registered on an ammunition dump at the Benito aerodrome and fires were started on the other side.

Bombs dropped among the dispersed aircraft at Makina caused a number of fires which destroyed at least four aircraft, while others were severely damaged by bombs, and as the last bomber left, a violent explosion occurred among the dispersed aircraft.

In Eritrea very heavy attacks were made on enemy positions in and around Keren on Saturday and Sunday.

The R.A.F. also bombed and machine-gunned motor transport and troop concentrations, and also the railway and road.

### NORDS MUST HUG COAST

Shipping Rules

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—German nervousness regarding Norwegian coastal shipping finds expression in a fresh decree limiting its freedom of movement and enacting penalties that may extend to death, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The new order, which is issued by the Reich's Commissar, forbids coastal vessels to leave a Norwegian port without permission from the German authorities and decrees that no vessel shall depart from the route set out in the permit.

Fishing craft are forbidden to sail outside the limit of the Norwegian coastal waters which extend to a limit of 30 miles from the coast, while pleasure craft, sailing and other boats are forbidden to go more than three miles from the coast.

**An Australian Finds Words**  
Tribute To Churchill  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Mr Churchill is, to use an Australian phrase, "a bobby dazler," and a real "crackerjack" who thrives on combat.

This tribute to the British Prime Minister was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in Manchester to-night.

"He is one of the greatest leaders in all history, one of that rare type of men who do their best under strain."



NEWS ITEM: Mussolini awards Italy's highest decoration to three entire regiments for gallantry in Albania. With acknowledgments to "P.M."

### U. S. Seeks Largest Air Force In World

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, March 17 (Domei).—The United States is now conducting a pilot training programme designed to produce the largest air force in the world, the "New York Times" reports.

The Army and the Navy together, only a few months ago, were turning out pilots at the rate of a few hundreds yearly, but under the new programme they are producing that many pilots in a single month.

The Army Air Corps is expected to be increased in strength from 3,322 flying officers to 6,000 within the next few months, while the Navy's latest information on pilot training reveals that it has about 3,000 cadets now in training.

Well-informed sources believe that the combined pilot strength of the Army and the Navy will aggregate about 20,000 men by late summer with the Army having at least 83,000 trained ground crew, says the "New York Times".

Meanwhile, it is understood that a civilian pilot training programme is being set up by the Navy, which will include 10,000 college students who will soon be pursuing advanced courses for the purpose of joining the Army and Navy air forces.

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### ARMED U. S. AID FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Steps to implement America's pledge to Britain mentioned to-day are firstly, the early release to Britain of a further considerable number of over-age destroyers; and secondly, the giving, shortly, of armed naval aid.

Legislative circles spoke privately but very definitely regarding destroyers while the naval aid report was given by Mr. William Simms, chief writer on foreign affairs in the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

**Hands Are Full**  
Mr. Simms asserts that armed aid, particularly naval aid, is foreseen as a virtual certainty following the President's speech on Saturday. He adds that it is believed in Washington that Britain's hands are too full effectively to fight off the new submarine menace and a new kind of help from America may become vital in view of President Roosevelt's statements that America would not cease aid until the "tyrants are totally defeated."

Fully qualified observers, Mr. Simms adds, feel that giving over-age destroyers and mosquito boats is only a temporary measure to be followed by intervention by the United States Navy and the transfer of merchant shipping.

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### Society Beauties & Factory Girls to Work Together

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 17 (UP).—Daughters of the English peerage as well as Bertha the Beautiful Clothes Model, and Tillie the Toiler, were warned to-day by the Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. Ernest Bevin, to be ready to line up April 19 when every girl in Britain who is 20 years of age, will register for war work. Their 21 year old sisters will register a few days later.

This makes it a possibility that Countess So and So will be filling anti-air shells "somewhere in Britain" alongside the girl who used to check her mink coat. It is even possible that superior skill will make a waitress an industrial boss over the society girl.

Mr. Bevin emphasised that no exceptions would be allowed in the registration of girls of 20 and 21 years of age. The only exemption will be for those girls already serving in the auxiliary forces or nursing.

"We intend to make the system into the most humane and most decent exercise with the greatest care for everyone's feelings and qualifications."

### ALBANIA

Italians Tired After Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The Italians on the Albanian front are showing signs of exhaustion after the crushing of their big offensive last week, according to the Athens radio.

Only artillery fire was reported from the central sector to-day.

On Saturday, the Italians launched two relatively small attacks which were easily repulsed and a further attack on Sunday morning was also disposed of without difficulty.

**Achievements In Air**  
ATHENS, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—After quoting the achievements of the R.A.F. at Tirana on Sunday, the Athens radio announcer said that during last week 39 Italian aircraft were shot down and destroyed in air battles with Allied aircraft.

Seventeen others were severely damaged and at least 15 more were destroyed on the ground in enemy aerodromes.

Three British aircraft only were lost, the pilots of two of these returning safely.

### BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is reliably reported that almost all of the British troops sent to Greece were landed at Piraeus and have been transported to Salonika and elsewhere by railway.

### Food For France

Exmouth Leaves U.S.

JERSEY CITY, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The steamship Exmouth sailed to-day for Marseilles loaded to its top-decks with an American Red Cross cargo of food, clothing, medicines and surgical supplies to the value of \$1,250,000.

Three hundred tons of oatmeal and farina remained on the quayside as the British refused to allow it through the blockade.

There were no passengers. The clearance granted by Britain and Germany for March 7 was delayed because Italy needed more time to notify her naval units.

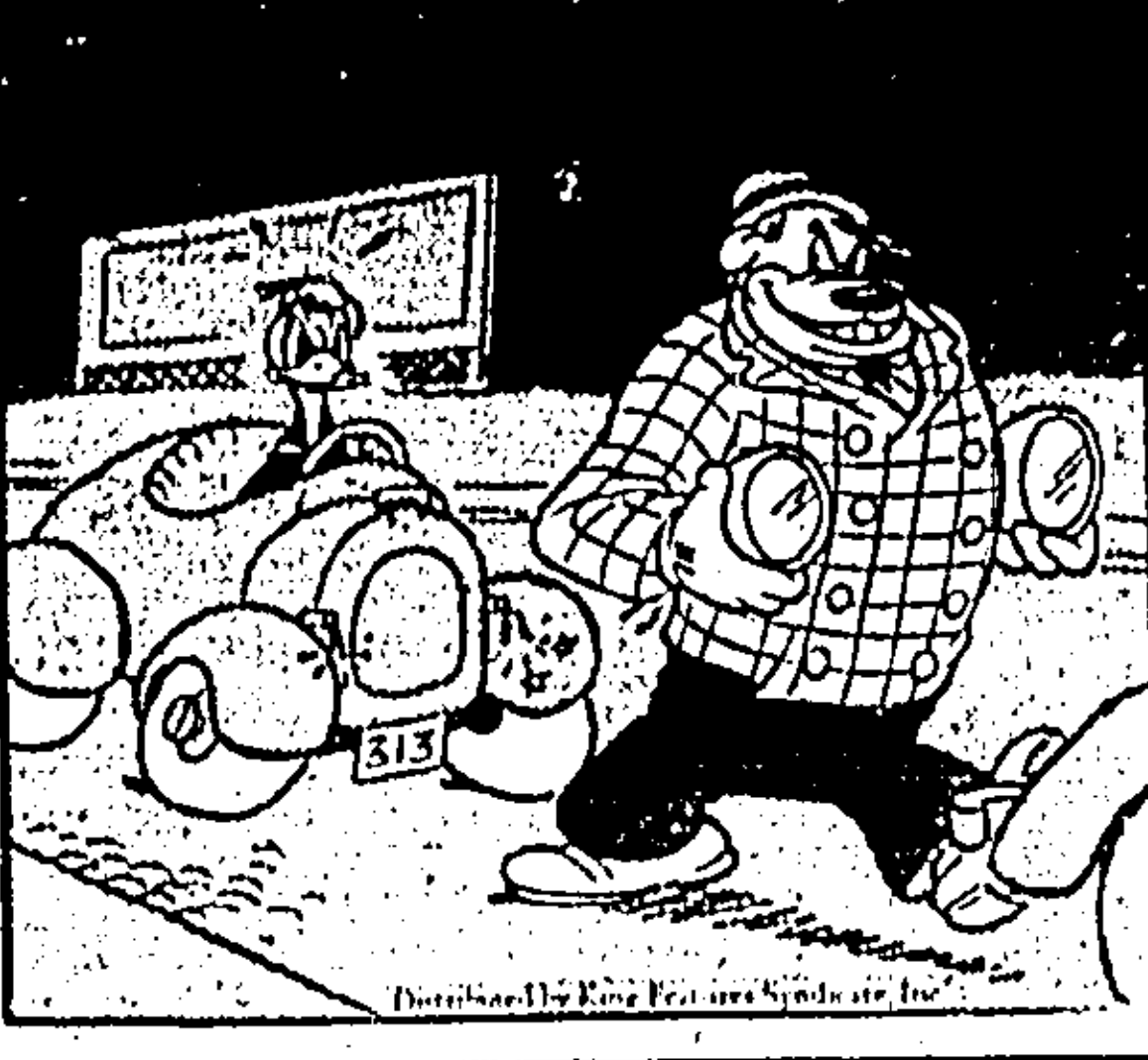
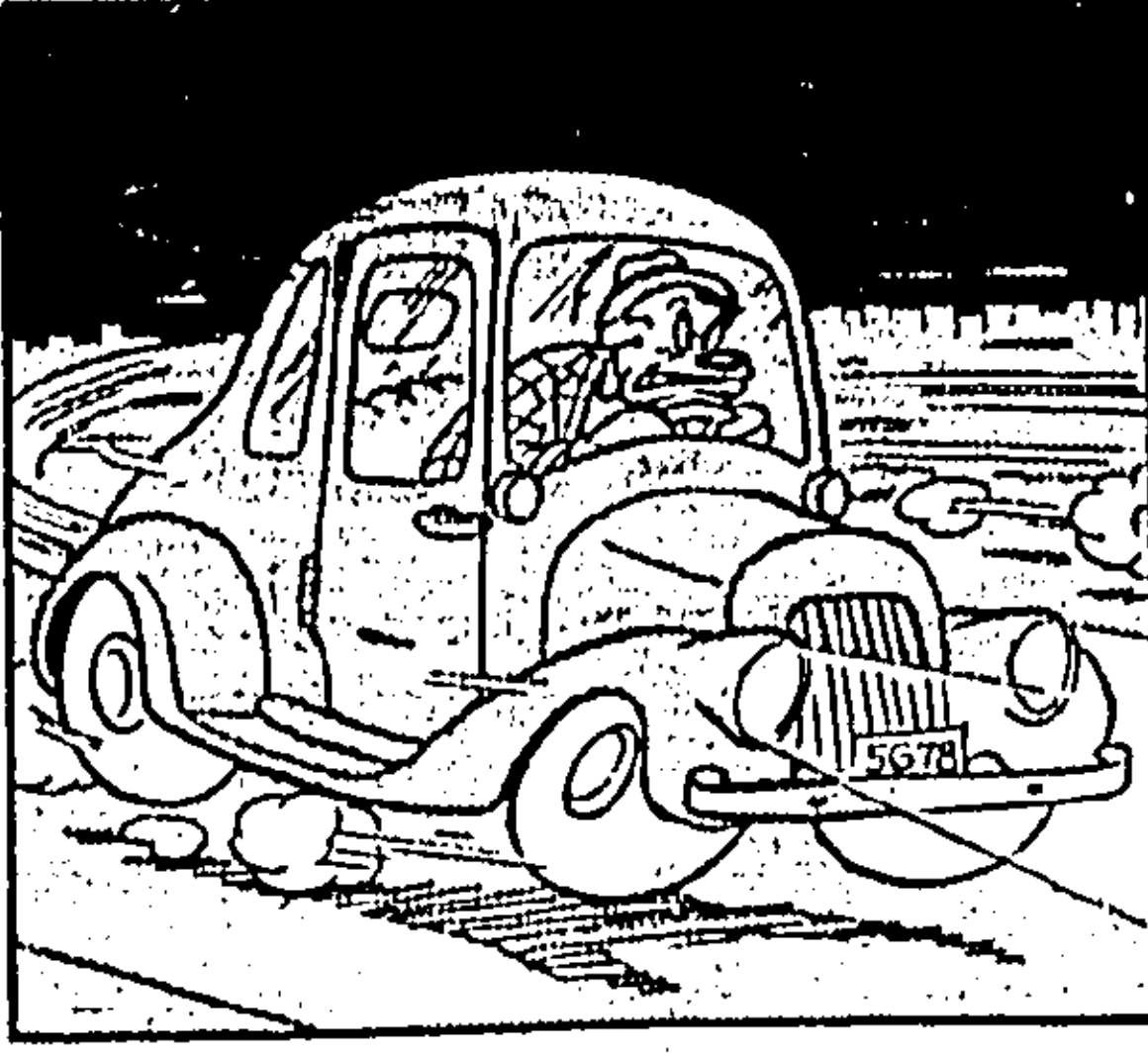
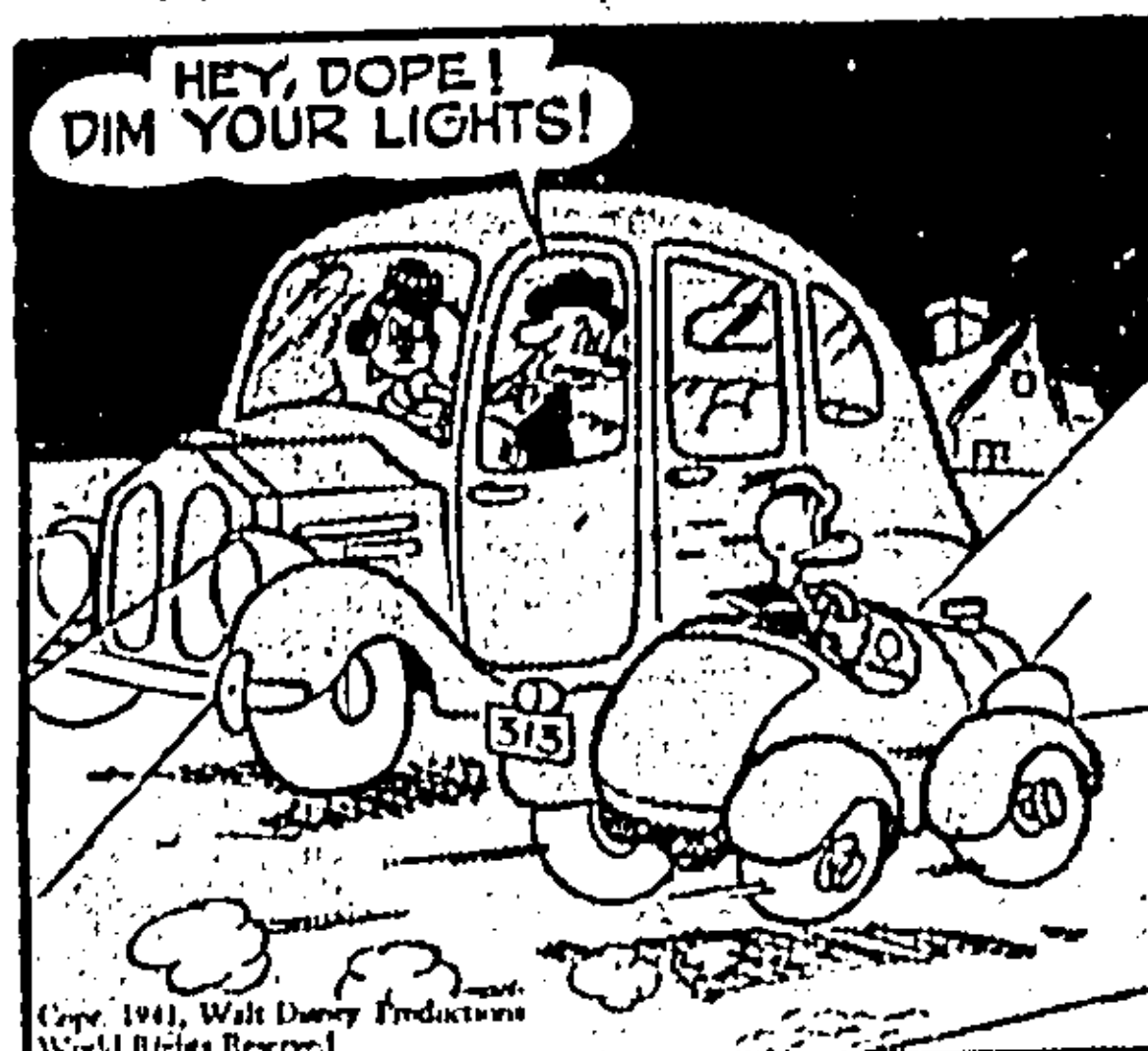
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## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Every year I gotta stay behind a week or so after the missus goes south—saves her worrying about whether she left the bath water running or the gas on!"

# HITLER likes this JEW

LISBON. I FOUND Dr Bloch, the seventy-one-year-old Jewish physician whom six-year-old Adolf Hitler used to call "Uncle Doctor," in a modest third floor room of a Lisbon boarding house, where he and his wife were waiting for a boat to take them to their daughter in New York.

Ten days previously the old couple left the little Austrian town of Linz, where for the last forty-five years, Dr Bloch, as the kindly country doctor, had ministered day and night to rich and poor.

Among his patients had been the family of a humble Customs officer named Alois Hitler.

"I had wanted to take an airplane direct here from Vienna," said Dr Bloch in a quivering voice as he sat on the bed talking to me, "but the Luftwansa men warned me that while they were prepared to give me a seat, as a great favour, on the plane, if an Aryan German came along and asked, for it, I would have to give it up to him. So I preferred to go by train with the rest of the party."

He seemed to think that this was quite normal, not a matter for complaint, this wizened little Jewish doctor with the long, old-fashioned moustaches, which he is proud to tell you little Adolf used to tug.

THAT is the extraordinary thing about this Dr Bloch. Despite everything, he is proud of having been family doctor to the Hitlers.

But he won't speak of Hitler's illness. "Way back before the Anschluss, a writer came and asked me about Hitler's illness. What a good thing I preserved my medical secrecy and refused to say anything. Just think what would have happened otherwise when the Nazis came in. To this day I have never disclosed anything concerning the illness of the family Hitler."

"Do you know," said Frau Bloch, "Hitler hadn't forgotten my husband? When he drove through Linz after his entry into Austria in 1938 he passed our house and waved up to our window with a special smile."

The old doctor nodded confirmation. "That is to say, my dear," he said, "that is what they told us. You see," he turned to me, "as Jews we were not permitted to be at the window when our Fuehrer passed."

"I HAD thought," he said wistfully, "that perhaps I would be allowed to continue to practise in Linz. I thought perhaps our Fuehrer would recall how I had attended his mother in her last illness. But it was no good. All they would concede was that I



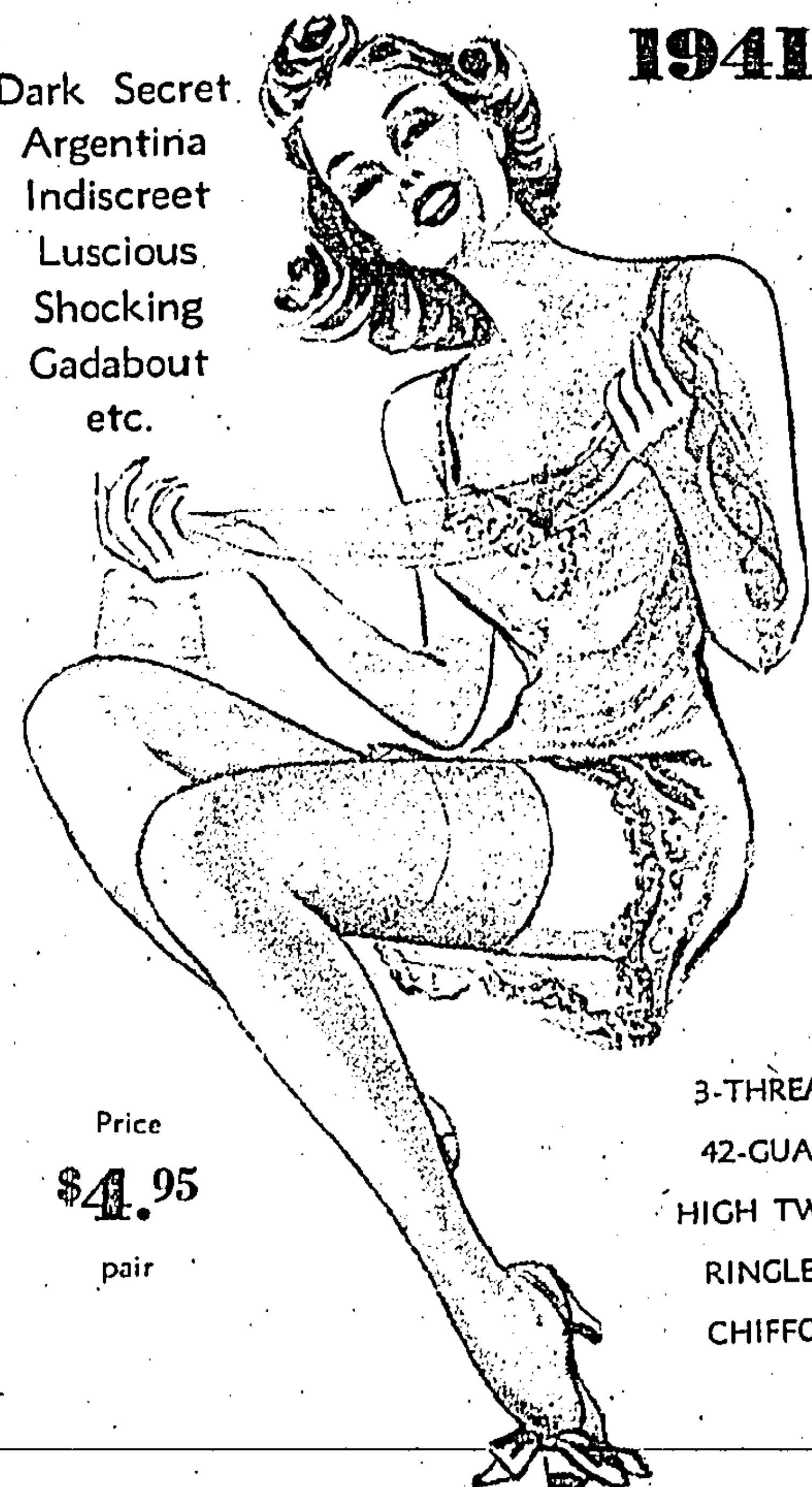
should be allowed to begin a new practice in Vienna. I was too well known in Linz as a Jew, they said. It would compromise the Fuehrer if I were allowed to continue to practise there. He could make no exception."

Nevertheless, Dr Bloch, who remained in Linz and did not try to start a new practice at the age of sixty-nine in Vienna, was allowed certain privileges which were denied the generality of Jews. For instance, he was permitted to use the telephone. Yes, sir, he was permitted to use the telephone. "Before we left many of them came to see us to dissuade us from going," said the little Jewish doctor. "Uncle Doctor," they said to me, "how can you think of emigrating at your age? And nuntie, too. Stay with us. It will soon all be different. I think in Linz they really loved us. Don't you think so, my dear?" he asked his wife. She did not answer. There were tears in her dim old eyes.

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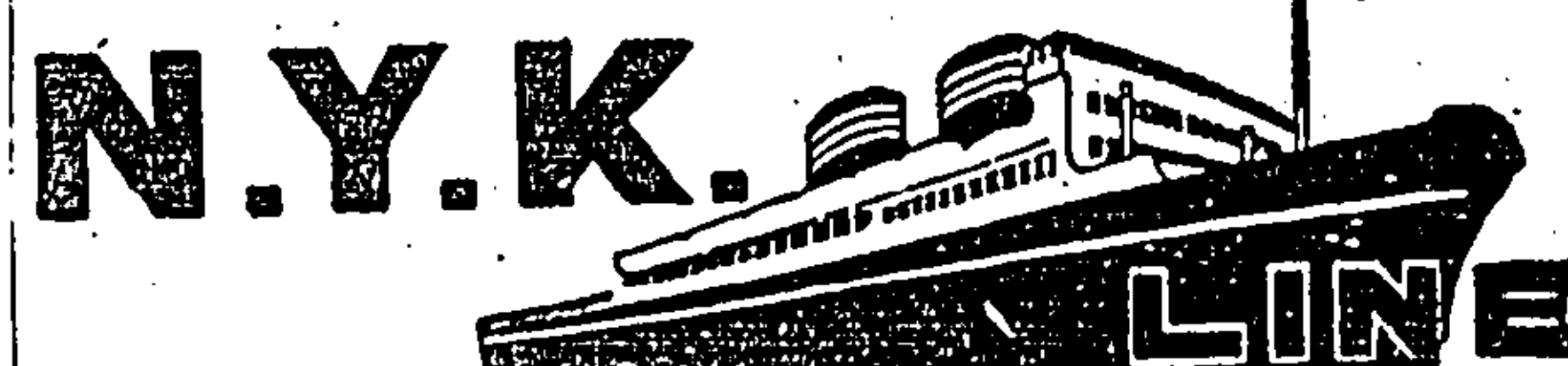
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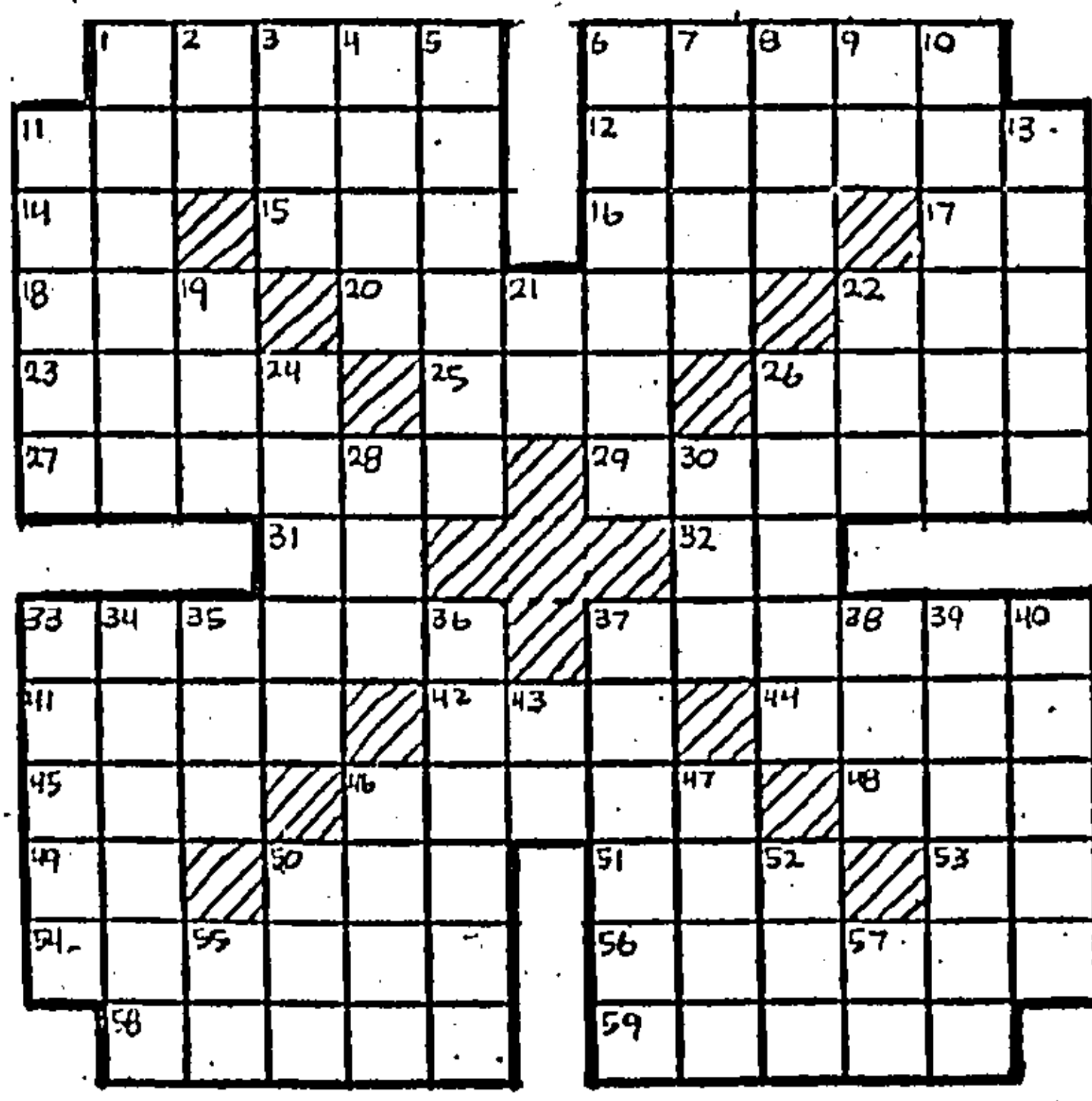
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- Protection
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- You and I
- Turf
- Revealed
- Sharp in E
- John
- Julia
- Used container
- at it stand
- Optic
- Walking stick
- Shallow water
- Lagoon
- Chinese measure
- Libertian river
- Triangular end-walls
- Shore birds
- Need command
- Summit
- Roman emperor
- Electified particle
- Substance promoting friction
- Precht three
- Continents (abbr.)
- Make up
- Light cast
- Man's nickname
- Libertine

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**DOWN**

- Word container
- Exclamation
- Roman money
- Walk wearily
- Black waters
- Center of volcano
- Snake skin
- Uncle
- Hawaiian lava
- Spanish garment
- Central European
- Is borne
- Precht new
- Railway (abbr.)
- Is situated
- Small house
- Strike lightly
- Receives
- Spill molecule
- Leaving
- On a ship
- Man's nickname
- Shout
- Pondie
- Wandering
- Dirties
- Bone
- Pile
- Riviera city
- Fruit preserves
- Carrier of heredity
- Babylonian deity
- George Russell



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## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE WAR

"WOE, WOE!"

MANY people are wondering how we can "take Italy out of the war" by another sort of offensive—the propagandist sort, already exemplified in the Prime Minister's broadcast to the Italian people.

We desire again to be friends with the Italians; again to feel towards them as our great writers felt in the last century: Browning, Swinburne, Meredith. We may assure them of this desire. But is there much that the friends of Italy could do in this country that could be more effective than the imbecile-maunders of their own tyrants at home?

After the Greek victories, the North African campaign, Bardia and the rest, can it be pleasant for anxious Italians in half-starved cafes to listen to Jeremiahs of "woe, woe!" from Ansaldo?

Can it convince them that they are winning to be told that every defeat is an "incident"?

Above all, can it relieve their wounded feelings to hear (as they have this week) that whatever may happen Italy never, never will desert Germany?

Part of the final blow of propaganda against Italy may be left to Mussolini! (Daily Mirror).

## Setting The French To Work

The German locusts have been feeding on France for the last few months, and now there is little left for them to eat. Now the Germans are determined to make the French work for them. The two million war prisoners are going to work in Germany, and their upkeep will, under the terms of the armistice agreement, be paid by the French Government. The French unemployed are being tempted to sign contracts for work in Germany. It is announced that in Paris alone 15,000 have already signed on. The Germans are keen to get under contract men from the engineering and building trades. The contracts bind the men to stay in Germany for as long as they are needed. Lastly, those industrial workers who are left in France will work chiefly for Germany's war needs.

The whole scheme is finely camouflaged as a "clearing arrangement" between Vichy and Berlin, an arrangement too complicated for a starving unemployed man to understand. The agreement concluded between Vichy and Berlin provides that all payments due by Germany in France shall be paid by the French Government. The scheme is, in effect, financed out of French inflation. The Germans, in addition to creating for themselves an artificially favourable franc-mark ratio, are filling up the French Treasury with paper marks—which the French cannot use. (Manchester Guardian Weekly).

## Our Secret Weapon: Humour Musso Under Fire

The following are extracts taken from a letter just received by a well-known British firm in Hongkong from an officer of its parent organisation in England. Each month, the writer circulates such a letter to all the overseas branches of the organisation in order, as he says, to give an idea of conditions at Home and particularly of the spirit of the English people.

"Poor old Musso! He and another baldheaded man put their heads together and made a perfect ass of themselves! Little Adolf, furious at the defeat in Egypt, asked him what had happened to his army and navy, about which he had boasted so much. "I only told you," said Musso, "they were in good running order. Besides, what can we do against the Australians? Eleven of them beat all England two years ago."

"Anyhow, Wops are going cheap in Egypt to-day—as for Wop Generals, you simply can't give 'em away. A little Cockney corporal, a keen fisherman in days of peace, was put in charge of some 257 prisoners—but only arrived back with 250. When asked for an explanation, he said "Seven were so small, that I simply had to put 'em back."

### But Blisful

"On the Home Front, we remain blitzed but blisful, as I said in my Blitzmas greetings to you all. Damage has, of course, been suffered, but it is speedily made good. Our works have continued production unceasingly. The bulk of the destruction has fallen upon shops and houses—we have had a number of casualties amongst our employees, but every one occurred in their own homes. And the lousy

Hun still says he is bombing military objectives—that's what we golfers would call a "hanging lie."

"In London the nightly blitz continues, culminating in the great incendiary raid on the City three nights ago. The particulars have been published in the Press, and you've heard of the destruction of buildings which are dear to the hearts of all of us. In this stricken area lay the Headquarters of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. To-day, I visited these Headquarters. A taxi took me within a mile of it, and thereafter I walked over piles of rubble which had once been streets, amid the skeletons of buildings still smouldering.

### Carrying On

"Of our Headquarters, one wall remains, identifiable only by the brass plate that was on it and by a notice saying that new offices had already been opened at another address.


"That's the spirit of England to-day—we carry on, and wait for the day of revenge. The other day I passed a little "pub," all its windows broken and somewhat battered besides, and this was the message it displayed:

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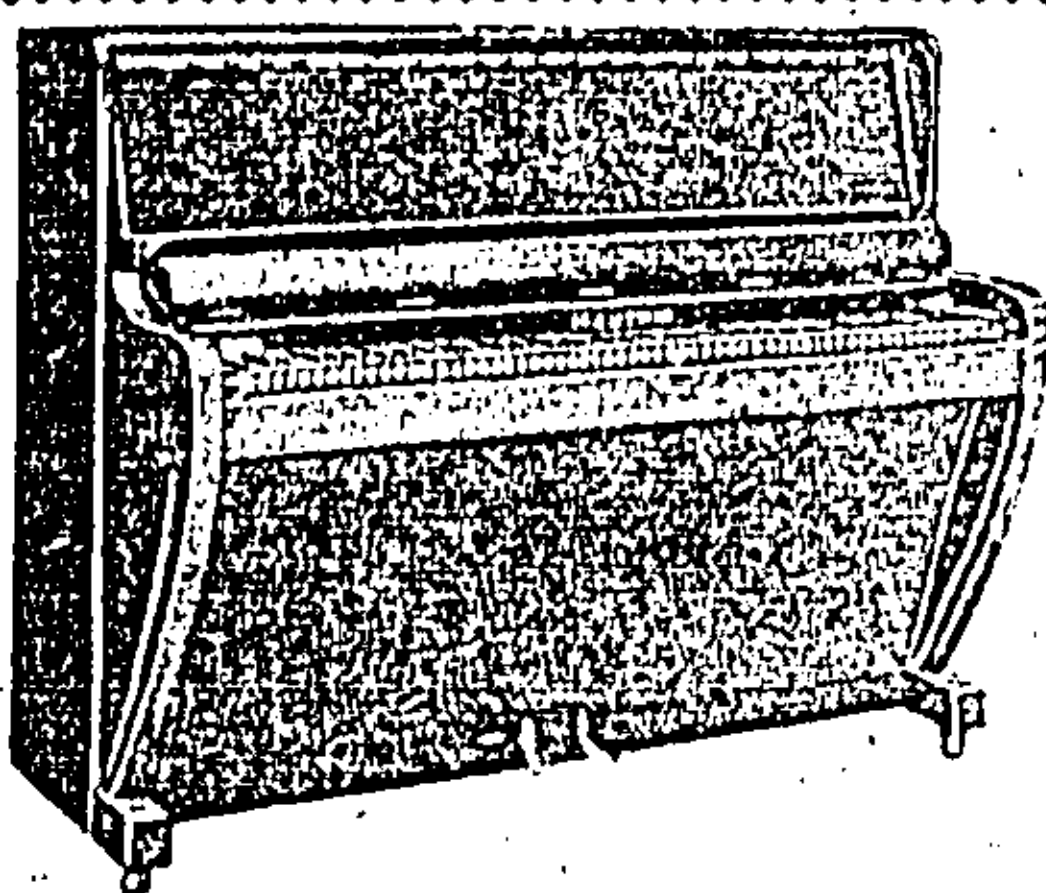
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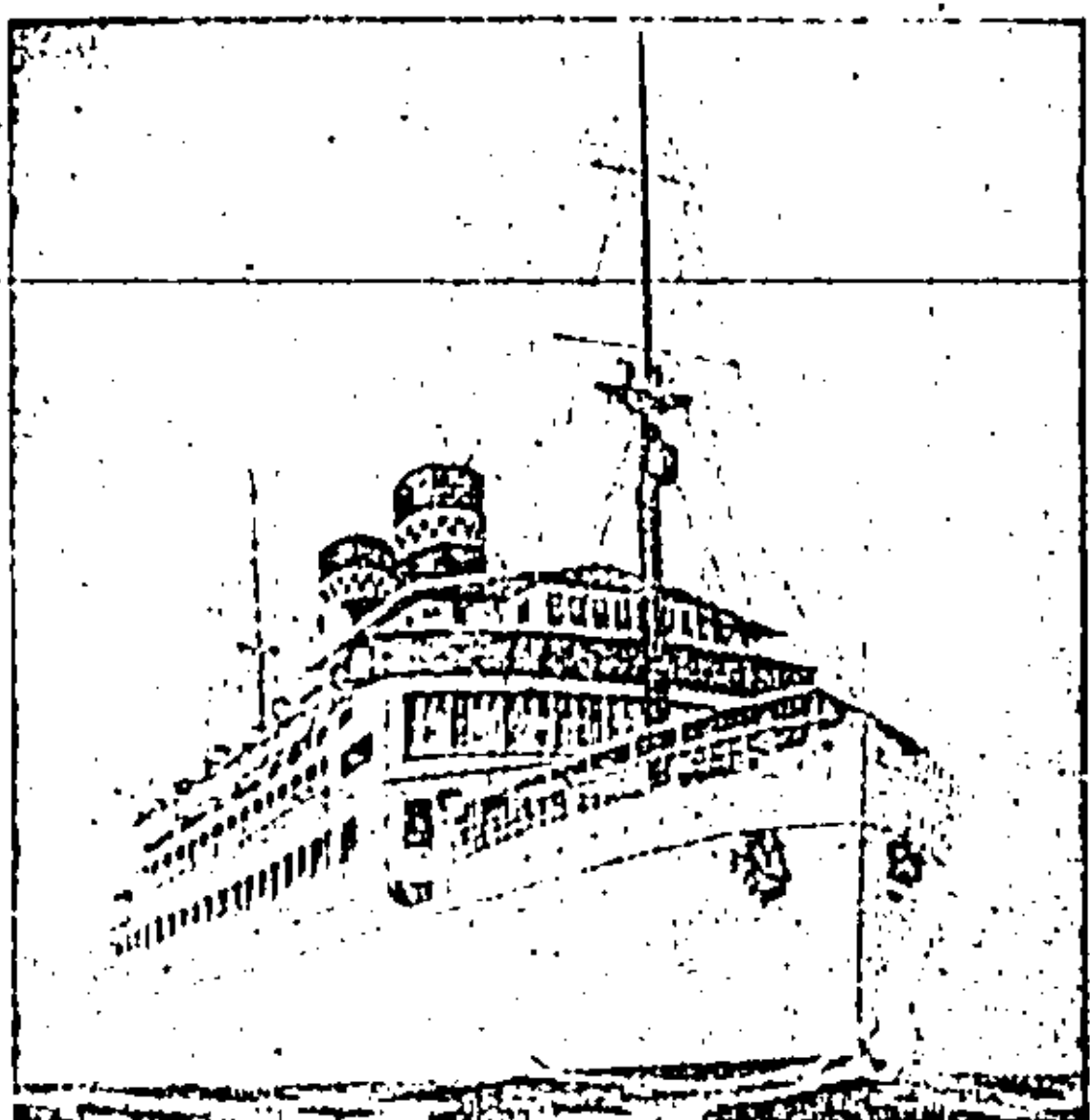
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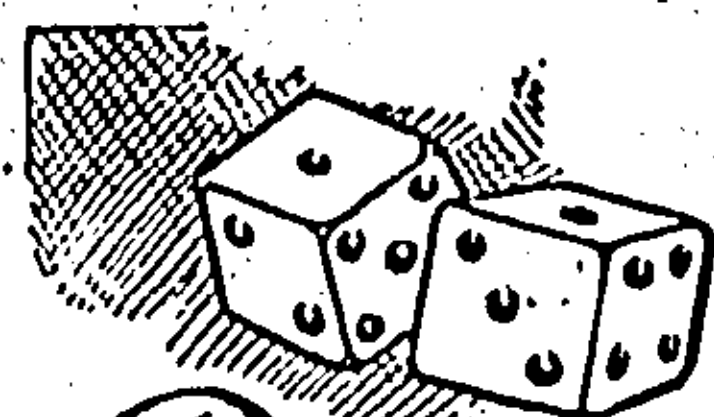
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### HITLER'S HEADACHE

CHAPLIN may have intended  
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Great Dictator", yet Charlie's  
imaginative study of the Fuehrer  
as a spoilt, bad-tempered little  
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when things don't go as he wants  
them to—comes very near the  
truth judged in the light of Hit-  
ler's latest speech to his people.  
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Britain and her Allies. And these  
boastings were the product  
not of confidence, but of irate-  
ness and desperation caused by  
frustration of his magical  
schemes to eliminate Britain, his  
greatest and most deadly foe.

For these are the facts which  
Hitler had to face up to during the  
week-end, but which, to his own  
people, he would not admit: Britain  
had forestalled him in his Balkan  
quest by placing a formidable army  
in Greece ready to withstand any  
invasion from Bulgaria, Yugoslavia,  
undoubtedly encouraged by this fact,  
had told Hitler to go and play in his  
lake at Berchtesgaden before they  
would sign away their freedom to  
him; The great Italian offensive  
launched under the personal direction  
of Mussolini has become a fiasco and  
a disaster—the Italians have lost  
some 50,000 more men and have not  
regained an inch of territory; the  
Lend and Lease Bill has become im-  
mediately operative and already new  
supplies are being rushed across the  
Atlantic to Britain; Hitler's night  
raiders have been given the worst  
beating since the start of the war,  
providing fresh emphasis to the fact  
that the Luftwaffe is being slowly,  
but surely driven out of the skies.

These are sober, unchallengeable  
facts; to Hitler, horrid and dispiri-  
ting. Already there are signs that  
the neurotic dictator is losing his  
initiative; actions are again giving  
precedence to words, and his pro-  
mises are becoming more and more  
generalised. A few months ago he  
assured the German nation that the  
invasion of Britain was simply a  
question of him selecting the time for  
it; now he has fallen back on the  
defensive; invasion of England is  
dropped; instead he is "ready to meet  
Britain on any soil, on any seas and  
over any territory", which suggests  
that he is waiting for Britain to  
choose the venue, in the hope, pre-  
sumably, that she will choose one  
which gives the Nazis the most ad-  
vantage. It is a striking example of

# SEA POWER and the WORLD WAR

The brilliant military cam-Mediterranean, with all its  
paign which has ejected the means, rests with the Bri-  
tish Italian armies of invasion tish. The result is that Bri-  
from Egyptian soil and tish warships have been able  
thrown them back in dis-to bombard the Italian  
order into Libya, was only forces in the rear from the  
made possible by sea power, sea, and the supply of rein-  
When Italy intervened in forcements and materials,  
the war her main task was including petrol and water,  
to assist Germany in defeat-by sea to the Italian forces  
ing the British Empire by in Libya, is made more dif-  
invading Egypt and secur-ficult.  
ing control of the Suez On the other hand sup-  
Canal. This would have plies can be carried by sea  
facilitated the German drive to the British advancing  
through the Balkans and forces, and their wounded  
Turkey to the oilfields of and prisoners evacuated by  
Iraq and Persia. water. Another result of

## By Lord Strabolgi

The correct strategy was this failure to risk all on a  
for the Italian Navy to be great naval engagement is  
concentrated and to seek a that the Italian Navy is un-  
decisive engagement with a able to help its army against  
numerically inferior British the Greeks by creating  
Fleet based on Alexandria, diversions on the coast of  
Apparently the Italian Greece or by sending sea  
Higher Command believed expeditions to operate in the  
that the same object could Aegean.

he achieved by evasive or  
guerilla tactics. They hoped  
to lure the British Fleet  
within striking distance of  
their own Air Force and  
thus to win a naval battle  
without risking their six  
battleships, the backbone of  
the Italian Navy.

This was a strategical mis-  
take of the first order, and  
is similar to the blunder  
made by the German High  
Command at the beginning  
of the last war. Then there  
was a favourable period  
when the British Fleet could  
have been engaged with  
some hope of success, but  
the same mistake was made  
of trying to preserve intact  
the main German Fleet.

In the event it was the  
Italian Fleet which was  
damaged by air attack,  
three, or possibly four, of  
their large ships being dam-  
aged at Taranto, and an-  
other one in the brief long-  
range action off Sardinia.  
The result is that the main  
Italian battle fleet is serious-  
ly reduced in numbers, and  
the command of the Eastern

A third important result is  
that the blockade of Italy con-  
tinues. The Italian Admirals  
may attempt diversions with  
their submarines or by using  
their fast light cruisers for  
sporadic attacks and threats.  
But unless these are successful  
beyond all normal prospects of  
naval warfare they will not  
affect the main issue. Once  
more the lessons of history are  
made plain for us in this war.  
Outside the Mediterranean the  
economic pressure of the block-  
ade continues on Germany, and  
any attempt at invasion of the  
British Islands will always be  
an operation of the greatest  
danger so long as Britain dis-  
poses of superior naval power.

It had been widely held by  
students of war that superior air  
power would be able to counter-  
act superior naval power. This  
has not happened in practice  
except in the abnormal case of  
the invasion of Norway. There  
the threat of air attack pre-  
vented the full use of British  
and French naval power on the  
German lines of communication.  
Since then there has been more  
experience in countering air at-  
tack on warships at sea while the  
German air superiority has been  
much reduced.

The great shipbuilding pro-  
gramme in Britain is bearing  
fruit, and every month increases  
the effectiveness of superior  
naval control.

## The Boy Who Started Life on a Shoe-string!



## THE FARCE OF THE REICHSTAG

THE great shadow show with  
much noise has again been  
enacted in long-suffering Berlin.  
Hitler, having returned from one  
of his tours to the defeated, called  
the Reichstag to tell his hire-  
lings all about his adventures.

What a farce. Just a few  
yards away from the Kroll Opera  
House is to be found the original  
Reichstag building which was  
supposed to have been burned to  
the ground by the dastardly  
Communist conspiracy in the  
early days of Hitler's dictator-  
ship. Actually in that same fire  
only a very small portion of the  
great building was burned out—  
that of the original democrati-

No, for Hitler there must be  
a far more imposing setting. The  
big Kroll Opera House provides  
it. Here is a vast expanse  
where you can erect really fine  
restrums and hang gigantic ban-  
ners which are meat and drink  
to a true gauleiter. Strange  
metaphor you may say, but I  
have never yet seen a district  
leader in Germany unless he was  
surrounded by bunting as long as  
a battleship's "paying off" pen-  
nant.

But this solemn farce, which  
takes the place of the one time  
freely elected Parliament, is a  
sad tawdry affair. And es-

## By Norman Hillson

cally elected chamber of de-  
puties. In point of fact there  
are many who think it was a  
typical flames did not do more  
damage, for, although Berlin  
contains very many hideous  
buildings, there is surely nothing  
so grotesque as the one time  
German Parliament house.

Hitler is well aware of this. If  
the Reichstag had survived it  
could never in Nazi eyes have  
been a worthy setting for the  
fulminations of Adolf Hitler. For  
that reason the burned out  
chamber is kept in its charred  
state as a reminder to good citi-  
zens of the dastardly methods of  
Communism, although it is of  
little use to see how the Fuehrer  
explains this away to his friend  
Stalin across the border.

pecially for those of us who knew  
the Europe of a happier hour.  
So many Parliaments have top-  
pled in a decade, in far less.

The Reichstag was a real  
Parliament. It was elected by  
popular suffrage of both male  
and female adults, and the  
people retained the right of re-  
ferendum and the initiation of  
laws. Hitler changed all that.  
To-day the Reichstag is just a  
body of Nazi nominees who  
travel to Berlin to cheer the  
Leader no matter what latest  
line of hyperbole he is putting  
out. They do not applaud  
with sufficient vigour at the cry  
of the cheer leaders, their names  
are noted and a convenient op-  
portunity is taken to remove  
them to another sphere of use-  
fulness.

Mussolini, like all dictators,  
also deprived the Italians of a  
constitutional parliament. One  
of the dearly prized privileges of  
those Italians who laboured for  
the unification of their land was  
the written constitution known  
as the Statuto.

This document established Italy as a  
constitutional monarchy with a Senate  
of 300 members and a Chamber, elected  
by adult suffrage of 530.

The system, even with the volatile  
Italians, worked very well, but it was  
not good enough for Mussolini and his  
Blackshirts. He swept the old Cham-  
ber away while still nominally retain-  
ing the Senate. The Chamber-to-day is  
a "syndical-corporation." Its members  
are supposed to be elected. What  
actually happens is that the voters as  
a whole are presented with a list of  
candidates, all naturally ardent  
active Fascists, whom they must elect,  
or reject, willy-nilly. Of course they  
always elect.

Now this racial Quilting in Norway  
is also supposed to be the more  
successful adventures. He is in pro-  
gress of abolishing the famous Stor-  
ting. Storting was the name given to  
the Norwegian Parliament of 160 mem-  
bers. One quarter of these sat in an  
upper chamber known as the Lathing  
and the rest in a lower house called  
the Odelsting. This body was the  
more important for as in our own sys-  
tem it controlled all money bills.

One day a better time will return  
to the world. Let us hope that that  
better time will bring about a revival  
of the great Parliamentary institutions,  
yes, even the Reichstag.

## Last of the Biplanes

British, Canadian and Aus-  
tralian fighter pilots have re-  
cently been gaining glory in  
encounters over the Western  
Desert with fighter and bomber  
aircraft of Italy's Regia Aero-  
nautica. Among the aircraft  
they have used is the Gloster  
Gladiator, last of the long line  
of fighter biplanes adopted by  
the R.A.F.

Names of British fighter air-  
craft are singularly apt. "Hur-  
ricane" and "Spitfire" have  
caught the imagination of friend  
and foe, typifying as they do  
the great speed and devastating  
fire-power of these modern eight-  
gun monoplane types.

loss of confidence, but if he imagines  
that his blusterings are capable of  
luring the British leaders into a false  
move, he displays a typically naive  
understanding of British intelligence.  
The situation is developing quite  
nicely for Britain and she can afford  
to wait before she makes the  
supreme move which will overthrow  
Hitler.

But never was a combat air-  
craft more appropriately named  
than the Gladiator, calling to  
mind the fighter in the arena.

Although speed is not its great  
asset, probably no aircraft has  
ever been designed more suited  
to the close and intricate  
manoeuvres of air fighting.  
Some of the most spectacular  
aeronautics and breathtaking  
formation flying seen at Hendon  
Displays before the war were  
carried out by Gladiators. And,  
as the first British fighter to  
mount more than two guns—  
four being the Gladiator's stan-  
dard armament—it was the first  
multi-gun fighter to go into ser-  
vice. Gladiators were also used  
for the high altitude "weather  
flights" which were a feature of  
pre-war days.

Technically, the Gladiator  
may be described as a single-  
seat, equal-span biplane with  
metal structure fuselage and  
wings. Wing span is about 32  
feet—five feet less than the Spit-

fire—and the single Bristol Mer-  
cury engine of 840 h.p. gives it  
a top speed of around 255 m.p.h.

During the Norway campaign  
a squadron of Gladiators distin-  
guished itself in an epic fight  
against immense climatic dif-  
ficulties and overwhelming odds.  
Operating from an improvised  
landing ground, 17 out of 18  
Gladiators were lost in two days  
continuous fighting; but heavy  
losses were inflicted on the  
enemy.

Gladiators have since exacted  
their full revenge, in combat  
against the Italian invaders of  
Greece and Egypt, though often  
fighting against superior num-  
bers. In one fight in Egypt re-  
cently, six Gladiator pilots met  
and routed 18 Fiat C.R.42  
fighters; in another, four Aus-  
tralians, flying Gladiators,  
smashed a formation of 17  
C.R.42's; whilst the exploits of  
"Lucky B" flight in clearing  
Egypt's air of the Italians have  
already made history.







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# NANCY



## Bank Of Canton's Net Profit

The annual general meeting of the Bank of Canton, Limited, was held at the Company's registered office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, on Saturday.

In the absence of Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman, Mr. H. O. Tong presided and read the Directors' report, which stated that the net profit for the year, including \$55,776 brought forward from last year, amounted to \$2,184,000. From this sum the Directors had set aside \$1,300,000 and \$128,376.12 respectively to increase the General Reserve to \$2,000,000 and the Reserve for Depreciation of Bank Buildings to \$228,376.12. The Bank building thus stood in the books at only \$1,500,000.

After making these reservations, there was a sum of \$755,624 available for appropriation which the Directors recommended be dealt with as follows:

## CONCERT FOR SCHOOLS

The third concert of the Hongkong Schools' Musical Association will be held to-day at 8.30 p.m. at the Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon. The concert is arranged by the Very Rev. Father Maguire with choral items by the Choir of St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road. There will also be piano solos by Miss Caroline Brata and piano duets by Miss Brata and Mrs. E. Brown.

Dividends on First Preference Shares at 12 per cent., on Second Preference Shares at four per cent., and Ordinary Shares at four per cent., \$470,448; Bonus to members of the Subscription Committee, \$31,408.08; Directors Fees, \$8,750; Bonus to Directors and Staff, \$105,763.61; leaving a balance of \$79,203.41 to be carried forward to the Profit and Loss Account for 1941.

The report and accounts were adopted and Messrs Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors.

## Bremen Reported In Flames

London, Mar. 17.

The crack German liner Bremen has been blazing since yesterday and all efforts to extinguish the fire have failed states the German Official News Agency.

According to the Nord Deutscher Lloyd, the fire broke out on board. Its cause has not been ascertained.

It is believed that the liner was hit during the R.A.F. raid on the ship-yards of Hamburg and Bremen last Thursday night.

The Bremen is a liner of 50,000 tons, and, it will be recalled, passed the British submarine Salmon in the North Sea on her return to Germany from America. The Salmon was unable to fire a torpedo owing to the international regulations which prevented her from attacking the ship in neutral waters.—Reuter Bulletin.

## Popular Civil Servant Married Yesterday

RAYs of sunshine were a happy omen for the picturesque wedding which took place at St John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Miss Katherine Ellnor Collie became the bride of Mr John Barrow. The Rev. A. P. Rose officiated, and Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The bride, who is a nursing sister at Queen Mary Hospital, is the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Anderson Collie, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Her gown of heavy white satin was fashioned with a high waisted bodice which buttoned down the back, and sleeves that were long and fitted. The full skirt ended in a short train at the back. A long circular, embroidered tulle veil was held in position by a crown of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of tuber-roses. The ensemble was made by Eunice.

The Principal Matron of Queen Mary Hospital, Miss Alice Mary Davies, acted as Maid-of-Honour and wore a smart ankle-length frock of bluey green. Her black hat was trimmed with pink roses, which flowers, mixed with larkspur, composed her bouquet.

The two bridesmaids were Misses Dorothy Baker and Mabel Fielder, who wore charming shimmering frocks of soft white organdie, embroidered with shamrocks. The full skirts were looped at the hem and worn over white net and lace petticoats. Long white kid gloves offset the short puffed sleeves. Their large white Bangkok straw hats were trimmed with Irish green velvet ribbon with long streamers tied under the chin. Their bouquets of white marguerites and sunset geraniums were tied with Irish green velvet ribbons.

## Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,022,375.94 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

Taikeo Dockyard "Lecture" (week-end donation) \$32.23  
No. 136 (second donation) 20  
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Some members of the Hongkong Cricket Club 9

The British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, acknowledges the following donations:

Freely: Acknowledged £100 and \$523.38.12: D. C. Day (monthly), \$15; A. M. Guinness (monthly), \$20; J. S. Dunnett (monthly), \$20; L. E. N. Ryan (monthly), \$20; Royal Hongkong Golf Club proceeds \$100; Ladies Section Singapore Competition, \$100; Nettle's Milk Products (China) Ltd., \$1,000; Capt. I. J. Lousier (February), £20; P. Clark (monthly), \$50; "G", \$500; Gregor, \$1; The Members of the staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock in memory of the late Mr J. G. O'Grady, \$150; Mrs. Mason (proceeds of raffle of books), \$30.00; Fung Keng Rubber Manufacturing Ltd. (Jan/March 1941), \$500; R. Hancock (monthly), £25; total \$253,073.12.

The Committee of the British War Organisation Fund are most grateful to the donors of the Hongkong Jockey Club for their most generous donation of \$20,000.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: The usual Monday Institute pervaded the market, though towards the close a few stocks were enquired for.

Buyers	
Bank of East Asia \$70	Union Ins. \$425
Wharves \$93	Practising X.D. \$5.05
Humphreys \$6.70	Lights "O" \$0.20
Electricity "O" \$41	Electricity "N" \$40.00
Macao Electricity "O" \$17.90	Telephones "O" \$24
Watsons \$10.75	
Sellers	
Trams \$16.75	Telephones \$24.50
Sales	
Wharves \$94	Hotels \$3.20
Lights "O" \$0.25	Dairy Farms \$18
Watsons \$10.75	

## Admiral Decoux Not Resigning

Salon, Mar. 17.

A government spokesman to-day officially denied the Tokyo report that the Governor-General Admiral Decoux, would be removed because Vichy accused him of being insufficiently anti-de Gaulle.

On the contrary, the spokesman declared, Admiral Decoux had that morning received a telegram from Vichy thanking him for his actions during the Tokyo negotiations.—United Press.

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## RETAKEING OF BERBERA

FROM PAGE ONE

Africa will be available for employment where they can best be utilised.

**Supply Route Open**

CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—With the recapture of Berbera, another threat to Addis Ababa is developing, a British spokesman stated here this evening.

Empire troops are now steadily closing on the heart of the Italian Empire from 13 points.

The recapture of Berbera, the spokesman added, is also expected to ease the supply problem considerably.

It is recalled here that when the Italians entered Berbera in August, 1940, Rome radio proclaimed that the collapse of the British Empire was inevitable, and that the Red Sea had been closed to the Royal Navy.

It is not yet possible to say whether the British successes on the Keren front are a prelude to an offensive or form part of the steady fighting which has been going on for six weeks, but "Reuter" is told: "Things are boiling up at Keren again."

## ARMED U.S. AID FOR BRITAIN

FROM PAGE ONE

Mr. Sidney Hillman, Miss Perkins, the Secretary of Labour, and other officials.

### Strong Words

Opening the conference, Mr. Knudsen said: "We have got to go into production in America on a scale never approached before. Our need for ships and propulsion machinery for ships, tanks and planes is so great that upon you rests the responsibility of training more people in the shortest possible time in order to meet the deliveries sorely needed here and abroad."

Mr. Knudsen urged ship-builders specifically to "give every skilled man three helpers to learn his work."

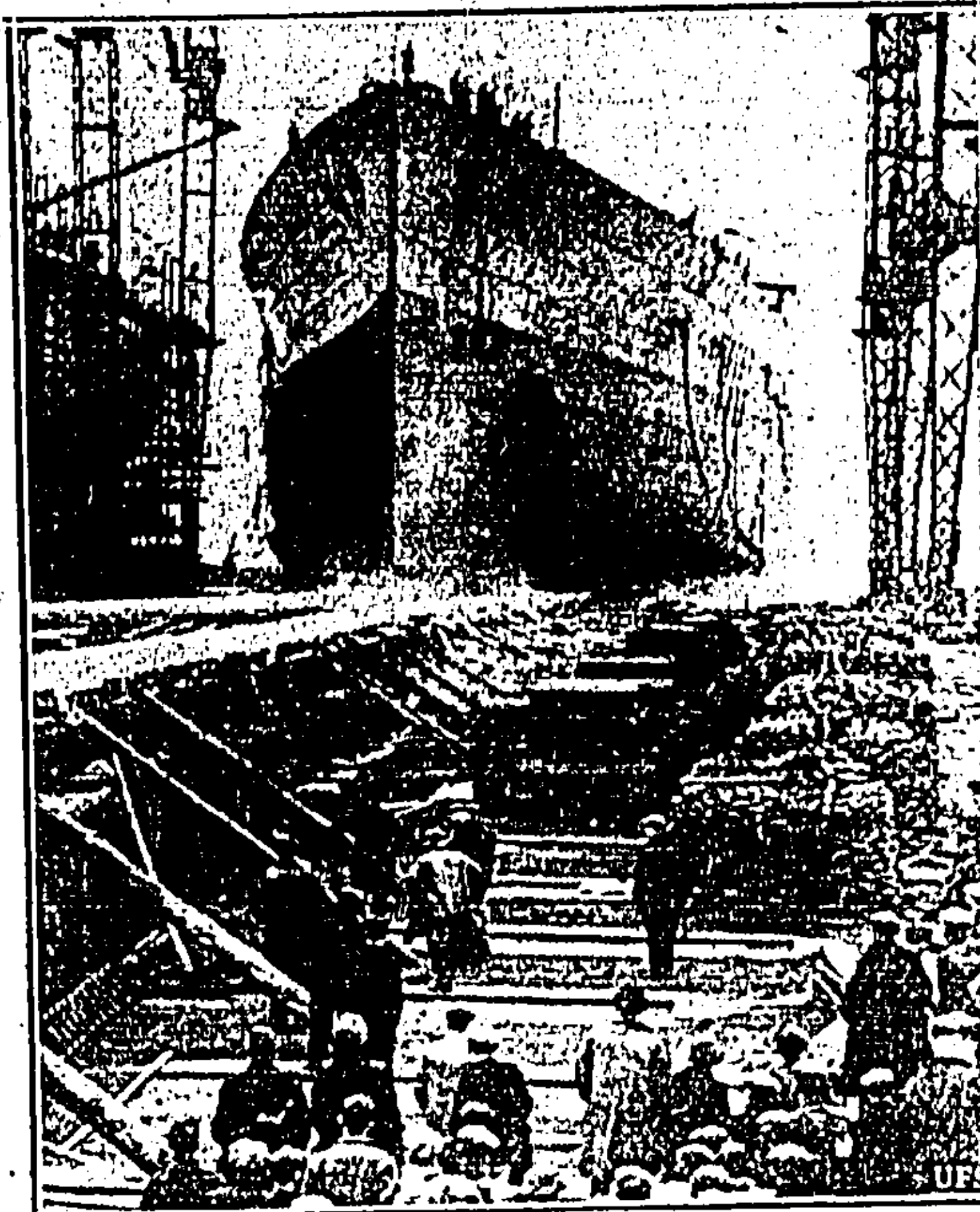
### Y'S MEN'S MEETING

Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke will speak on "China's Present Needs" at the Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

HYDERABAD, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The Nizam's Government has offered to raise a full R.I.A.S.C. company.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—In response to the appeal issued by the Director General of Supply, 485 revolvers, 252 compasses and 470 binoculars were received.

## LATE NEWS



BRITAIN'S NEW BATTLESHIP — New British battleship, Duke of York, takes to water at Clydeside, Scotland. She's the 35,000-ton kind and was christened recently by Queen Elizabeth.

## Training Dutch Army In Canada

The red, white and blue flag of the Netherlands is now flying over the Princess Juliana Barracks at Stratford, now the headquarters of the Royal Netherlands Army in Canada, officially opened recently.

The work of training several hundreds of men who have been called up in Canada and the United States by Royal Netherlands decree to fight for freedom will be carried on there, at the rate of about 300 each six weeks' period of training.

The barracks has been leased by the Netherlands from the Canadian Government, and a group of non-commissioned and commissioned officers are in residence there.

Officer commanding the centre is Lieut. Col. G. J. Sas, who until the Netherlands invasion was military attaché in Berlin, and is now head of the Netherlands Military Mission in Canada. Training of the groups will be completed with the Royal Netherlands Army in England. The latter retains its separate identity apart from the British Army, but actively co-operates, he explained.

## GERMAN CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 17 (UP).—The official news agency reports that German torpedo planes last Sunday attacked a strong British naval force 40 kilometres west of Grete, making direct torpedo hits on two battleships which were, for a long time, enveloped in black smoke clouds. The British squadron consisted of two battleships, six cruisers and several destroyers.

### Eminent Indian Passes

LAHORE, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Sir Mohamed Hyat Khan Noon, father of the Indian High Commissioner in London. Sir Mohamed was knighted in 1935. He was a member of the Council of State and formerly Commissioner at Lahore. He was presented with a sword of honour at the Provincial Durbar for his recruiting services during the war.

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ZURICH, Mar. 17 (UP).—As far as

Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has arrived at the Russian frontier station of Otpor,

states a message to the German official news agency. He is on his way to Berlin.

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# RETAKING OF BERBERA TRAPS ITALIANS IN WHOLE OF E. AFRICA

Special to the "Telegraph"  
LONDON, MAR. 17 (UP).—THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, MEANS THAT THE BRITISH HAVE TRAPPED THE ITALIANS IN ERITREA, ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND ABYSSINIA.

## YUGO-SLAVIA'S FIRM STAND Nazis Meet With Set-Back

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—There are authentic indications that German plans meet a setback in Yugoslavia and a first consequence has been to slow down whatever action Germany contemplated against Greece.

## Footballer Acquitted Adjudged Not Drunk In First Division Match

Charged with having been drunk while playing in the First Division football match between Royal Scots and Middlesex at Wokingham on March 1, Private David Fleming, Royal Scots, was found not guilty by a Military Court at Murray Barracks this morning.

The Court comprised Major J. M. Browning, Rajput Regiment, Capt. A.O.G. Mills, Royal Artillery, and Lieut. R. W. H. Willoughby, Middlesex. Prosecuting Officer was Capt. H. C. Harland, Royal Scots, and Defending Officer was Lieut. C. R. Jones, Royal Scots.

## Food For France Exmouth Leaves U.S.

JERSEY CITY, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The steamship Exmouth sailed to-day for Marseilles loaded to its top-decks with an American Red Cross cargo of food, clothing, medicines and surgical supplies to the value of \$1,250,000.

## BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ISTANBUL, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is reliably reported that almost all of the British troops sent to Greece were landed at Piraeus and have been transported to Salonika and elsewhere by railway.

Even a concentration of 60,000 Italian troops on the Dalmatian frontier has not made Belgrade more tractable. It will not be surprising that Germany is not disposed to act against Greece with a non-belligerent Yugoslavia as a potential menace to her long line of communication.

In face of this setback to the desperate Italian offensive in Albania, however, Hitler must act quickly if his hope is to save Mussolini from a big disaster in Albania as he met in Libya. The Italian armies must be in a very vulnerable position after their great losses and it is only to be expected that the Greeks and the Royal Air Force will exploit the opportunities of the situation.

British Envoy's Talk  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Ronald Ian Campbell, the British Minister to Yugoslavia, had a long interview with Dr. Dragisa Cvetkovich, the Yugo-Slav Premier, to-day, states a Belgrade dispatch to the German news agency.

## Many Die In Blizzard

U. S. States Blanketed In 8-Foot Drifts  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
FARGO, N.D., Mar. 17 (UP).—Rescuers continued to find frozen bodies in snowdrifts to-day. The known dead now amounts to 57 in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Bitter cold hampered the searches, the temperatures ranging as low as 7 to 17 below zero. The drifts are eight feet deep in many places. Most of the victims were found frozen near automobiles or on roads on which they were trying to reach safety.

About 20 persons are reported to be still missing.

LONDON, Mar. 17 (British Wireless).—Twenty-three young men from Fiji, including the son of a leading chief, have been selected for training with the R.A.F.

## Bristol People Trapped By Lull in Air "Blitz"

Special to the "Telegraph"  
BRISTOL, Mar. 17 (UP).—A lull between two air raids here last night fooled many people who left the air raid shelters and went to bed. They were caught in an intense "blitz" in which there were many casualties, including some killed.

High explosive bombs crashed into a church crypt where a large number of people were taking shelter and many were killed. Another public shelter was hit causing many deaths.

## BOMBS ON BENITO Successful Raids In Middle East

CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Further successful R.A.F. raids were announced in a Middle East R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Heavy attacks were made on aerodromes at Castel Benito and Makina in Tripolitania. A direct hit was registered on an ammunition dump at the Benito aerodrome and fires were started on the other side.

Bombs dropped among the dispersed aircraft at Makina caused a number of fires which destroyed at least four aircraft, while others were severely damaged by bombs, and as the last bomber left, a violent explosion occurred among the dispersed aircraft.

In Eritrea very heavy attacks were made on enemy positions in and around Keren on Saturday and Sunday.

The R.A.F. also bombed and machine-gunned motor transport and troop concentrations, and also the railway and road.

## NORDS MUST HUG COAST Shipping Rules

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—German nervousness regarding Norwegian coastal shipping finds expression in a fresh decree limiting its freedom of movement and enacting penalties that may extend to death, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The new order, which is issued by the Reich's Commissar, forbids coastal vessels to leave a Norwegian port without permission from the German authorities and decrees that no vessel shall depart from the route set out in the permit.

Fishing craft are forbidden to sail outside the limit of the Norwegian coastal waters which extend to a limit of 30 miles from the coast, while pleasure craft, sailing and other boats are forbidden to go more than three miles from the coast.

It is understood that the British encountered only slight opposition at Berbera, where they took a number of prisoners. It is recalled that British troops evacuated the capital last August after fighting a delaying action in face of overwhelmingly superior Italian forces.

Armoured Cars of R.A.F.  
CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Not only R.A.F. bombers and fighters but R.A.F. armoured cars went into action with the military and navy in the successful assault on Berbera.

The part played by the R.A.F. is described in an additional communique issued from the Middle East Headquarters. The communique says: "Enemy aerodromes were heavily raided throughout the previous night and during the day, a particularly heavy attack being made on Direway aerodrome, and R.A.F. armoured cars took part in the capture of the town."

The communique adds that there were no R.A.F. casualties.

Convoyed By Warships  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the landing force at Berbera was conveyed by warships. Machine-gun and artillery fire was encountered from the beach but was quickly overcome by the warships' guns.

Italy's only remaining channel to the sea from Abyssinia is the route via Asmara and Massawa, apart from the French-controlled line to Djibuti. There is no possibility of reinforcements reaching the sorely-tried armies of the Duke of Aosta in East Africa.

The latest news from Keren suggests that British pressure is being intensified and victory at Keren will lay open the whole of Eritrea.

Once the last shreds of Italian resistance have been overpowered, the whole Imperial forces in north-east TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## An Australian Finds Words

Tribute To Churchill  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—"Mr Churchill is, to use an Australian phrase, 'a bobby dazler,' and a real 'crackerjack' who thrives on combat."

This tribute to the British Prime Minister was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in Manchester to-night.

"He is one of the greatest leaders in all history, one of that rare type of men who do their best under strain."

Termining President Roosevelt's all-out appeal for help to the democracies "unflinching," Mr. Menzies said: "This American attitude proves that to neutral you need not be entirely unintelligent, holding no opinions on the war as some neutrals have thought. It also shows that you can still give tremendous assistance to a combatant country."

Mr. Menzies described Hitler as holding the views of Alice in Wonderland that "What I say three times is true"—except that "Hitler," says it thirty times and it is still untrue!



NEWS ITEM: Mussolini awards Italy's highest decoration to three entire regiments for gallantry in Albania. With acknowledgments to "P.M."

## U.S. Seeks Largest Air Force In World

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, March 17 (Domet).—The United States is now conducting a pilot training programme designed to produce the largest air force in the world, the "New York Times" reports.

The Army and the Navy together, only a few months ago, were turning out pilots at the rate of a few hundreds yearly, but under the new programme they are producing that many pilots in a single month.

The Army Air Corps is expected to be increased in strength from 3,322 flying officers to 6,180 within the next few months, while the Navy's latest information on pilot training reveals that it has about 3,000 cadets now in training.

Well-informed sources believe that the combined pilot strength of the Army and the Navy will aggregate about 20,000 men by late summer with the Army having at least 15,000 trained ground crew, says the "New York Times".

Meanwhile, it is understood that a civilian pilot training programme is building up a reserve of partly trained pilots including 19,000 college students who will soon be pursuing advanced courses for the purpose of joining the Army and Navy air forces.

## ARMED U.S. AID FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Steps to implement America's pledge to Britain mentioned to-day are firstly, the early release to Britain of a further considerable number of over-age destroyers; and secondly, the giving, shortly, of armed naval aid.

Legislative circles spoke privately but very definitely regarding destroyers while the naval aid report was given by Mr. William Simms, chief writer on foreign affairs in the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Hands Are Full  
Mr. Simms asserts that armed aid, particularly naval aid, is foreseen as a virtual certainty following the President's speech on Saturday. He adds that it is believed in Washington that Britain's hands are too full effectively to fight off the new submarine menace and a new kind of help from America may become vital in view of President Roosevelt's statements that America would not cease aid until the "tyrants are totally defeated."

Fully qualified observers, Mr. Simms adds, feel that giving over-age destroyers and mosquito boats is only a temporary measure to be followed by intervention by the United States Navy and the transfer of merchant shipping.

Workers Needed  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Vital defence industries were reported officially to-day to be facing a rapidly dwindling supply of skilled labour just when the Government is preparing to give effect to the British Air programme by increasing armament orders by over 60 per cent.

This was made clear at a conference of the Metal Trades Management and Labour representatives with the United States Production Chiefs, Mr. William Knudsen and TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## WRECKAGE FOUND

Matson Freightier Sinks In Storm

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—The Coast Guard cutter Bibb reported to-day that she had picked-up wreckage from the Matson Navigation Company's freighter Mahukona off Bermuda.

The Mahukona was a 2,512 ton vessel and carried a normal crew of 26 men. She was registered at San Francisco.

The Weather Bureau said she probably sank in a "pretty severe storm" which swept over the Bermuda area last Saturday.

Radio Report  
JUPITER, Fla., Mar. 17 (UP).—Mackay Radio reported that the steamer Mahukona sent out a distress call at 9 a.m. on Saturday and announced a few minutes later that the crew was abandoning ship.

A New York report said the Porto Rican Lacer Borinquen proceeded to the Mahukona's assistance, but Mackay Radio was unable to say whether or not she picked up any survivors.

## TURKEY'S REPLY TO HITLER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ISTANBUL, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is reliably reported that a Turkish courier has already arrived in Berlin with Turkey's reply to Hitler.

Authoritative sources in Turkey stated that President Inönü's reply does not contain any "proposition," hence it does not require any specific answer; they emphasized that it was merely a courteous approval and thanks for Hitler's assurances.

## Society Beauties & Factory Girls to Work Together

Special to the "Telegraph"  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (UP).—Daughters of the English peerage as well as Bertha the Beautiful Clothes Model, and Tillie the Toller, were warned to-day by the Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. Ernest Bevin, to be ready to line up April 19 when every girl in Britain who is 20 years of age, will register for war work. Their 21 year old sisters will register a few days later.

This makes it a possibility that Countess So and So will be filling anti-air shells "somewhere in Britain" alongside the girl who used to check her mink coat. It is even possible that superior skill will make a waitress an industrial boss over the society girl.

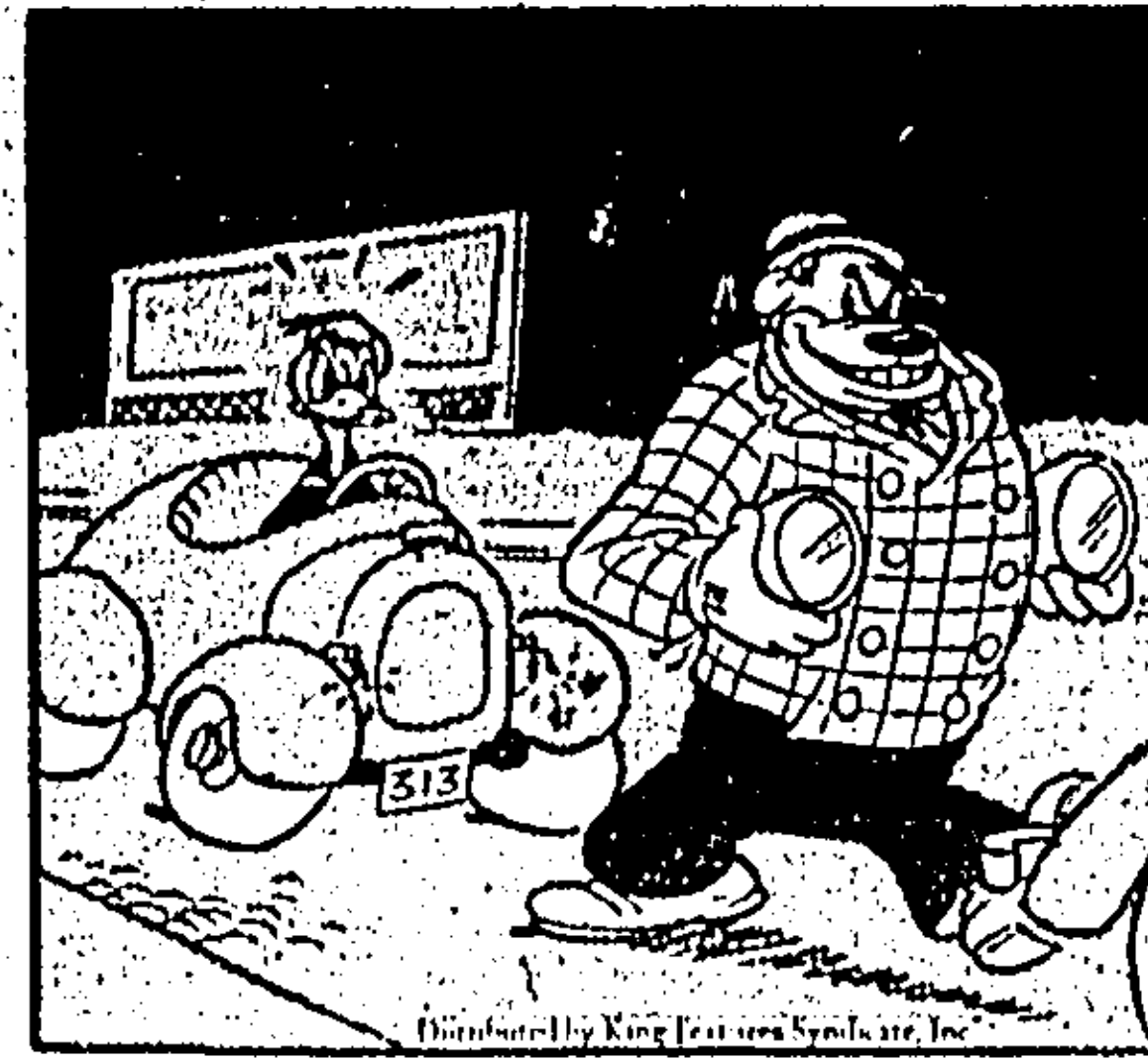
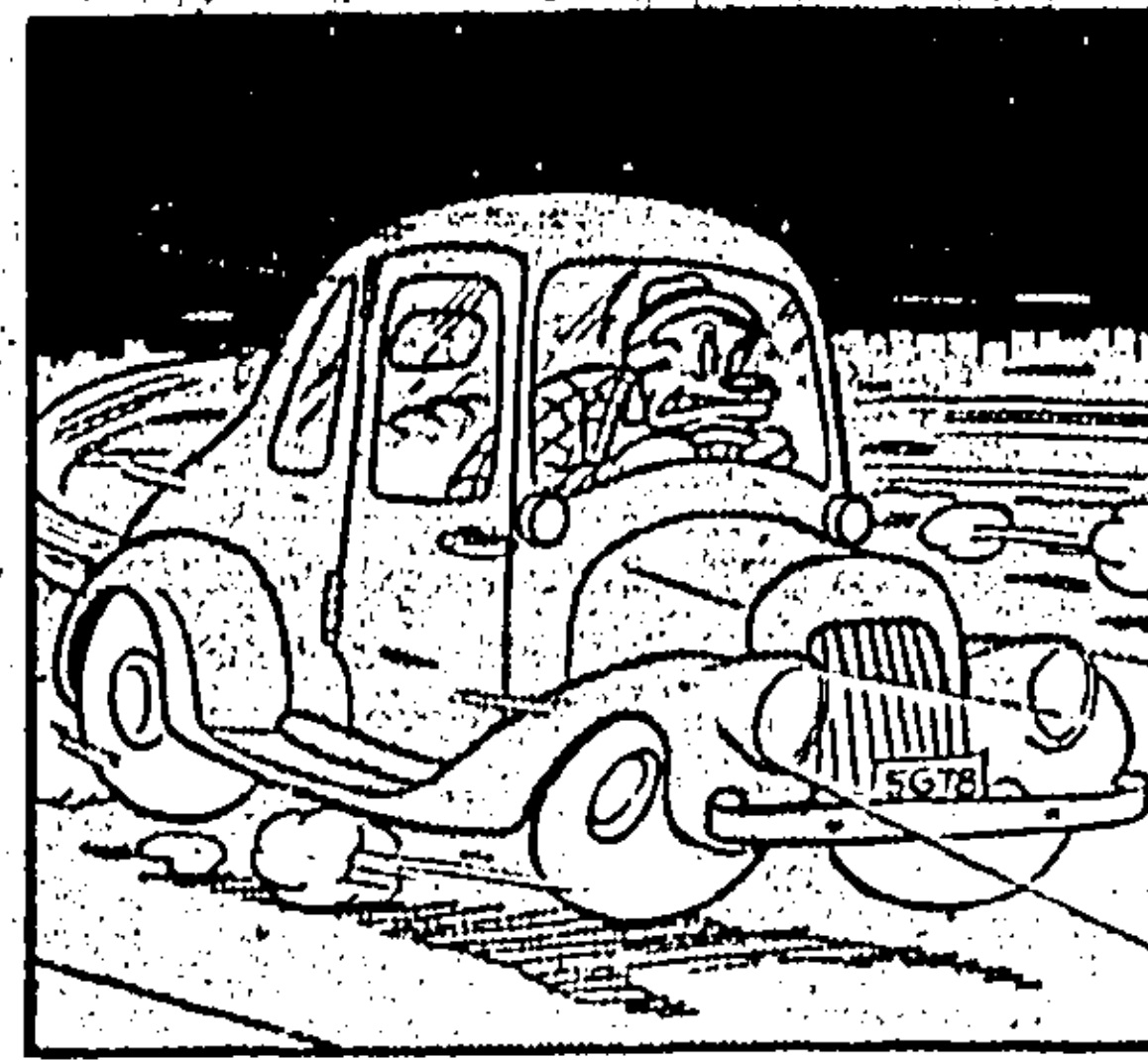
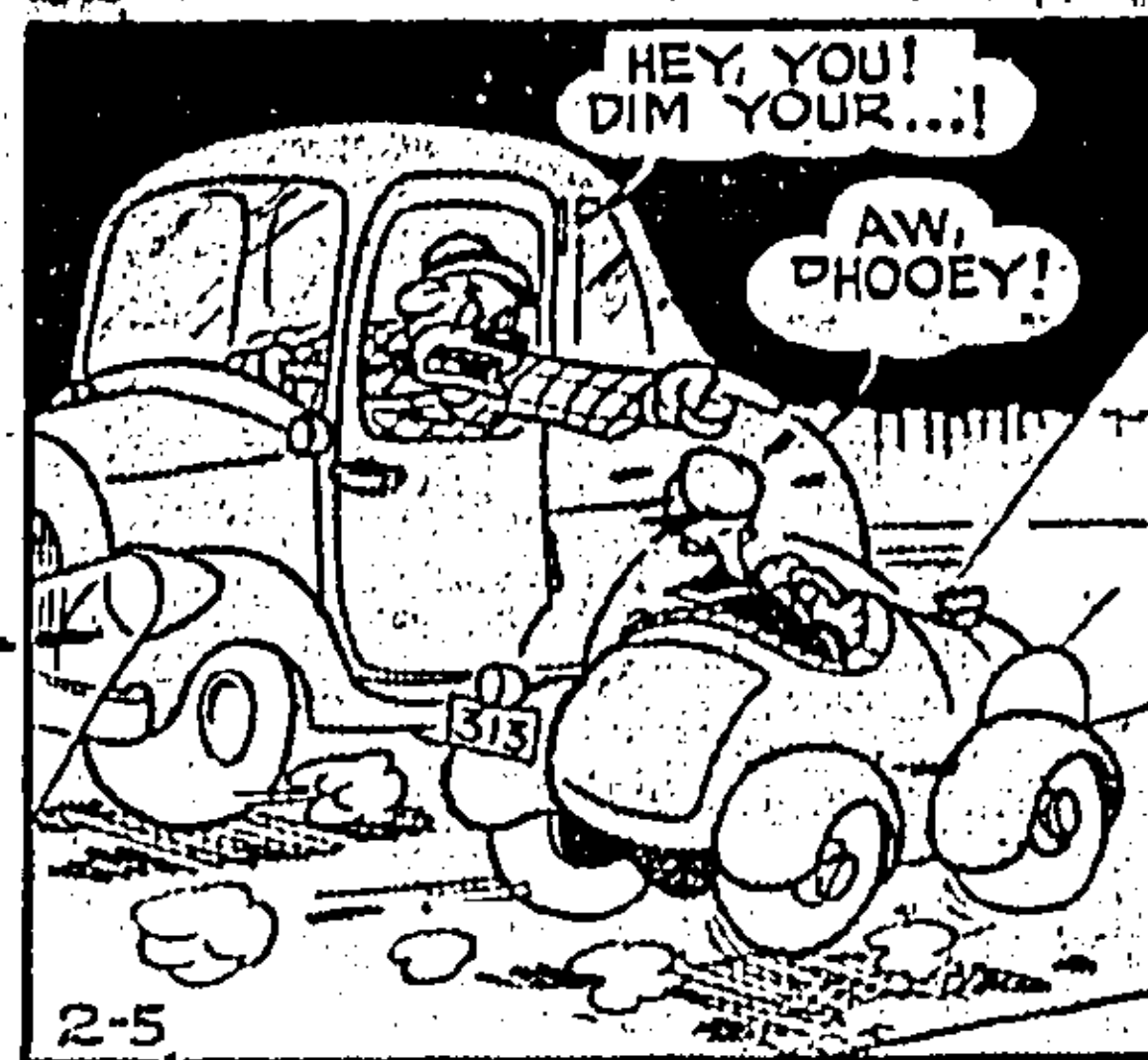
Mr. Bevin emphasized that no exceptions would be allowed in the registration of girls of 20 and 21 years of age. The only exemption will be for those girls already serving in the auxiliary forces or nursing. Mr. Bevin said, "We intend to make the system into the most humane and most decent exercise with the greatest care for everyone's feelings and qualifications."







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## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

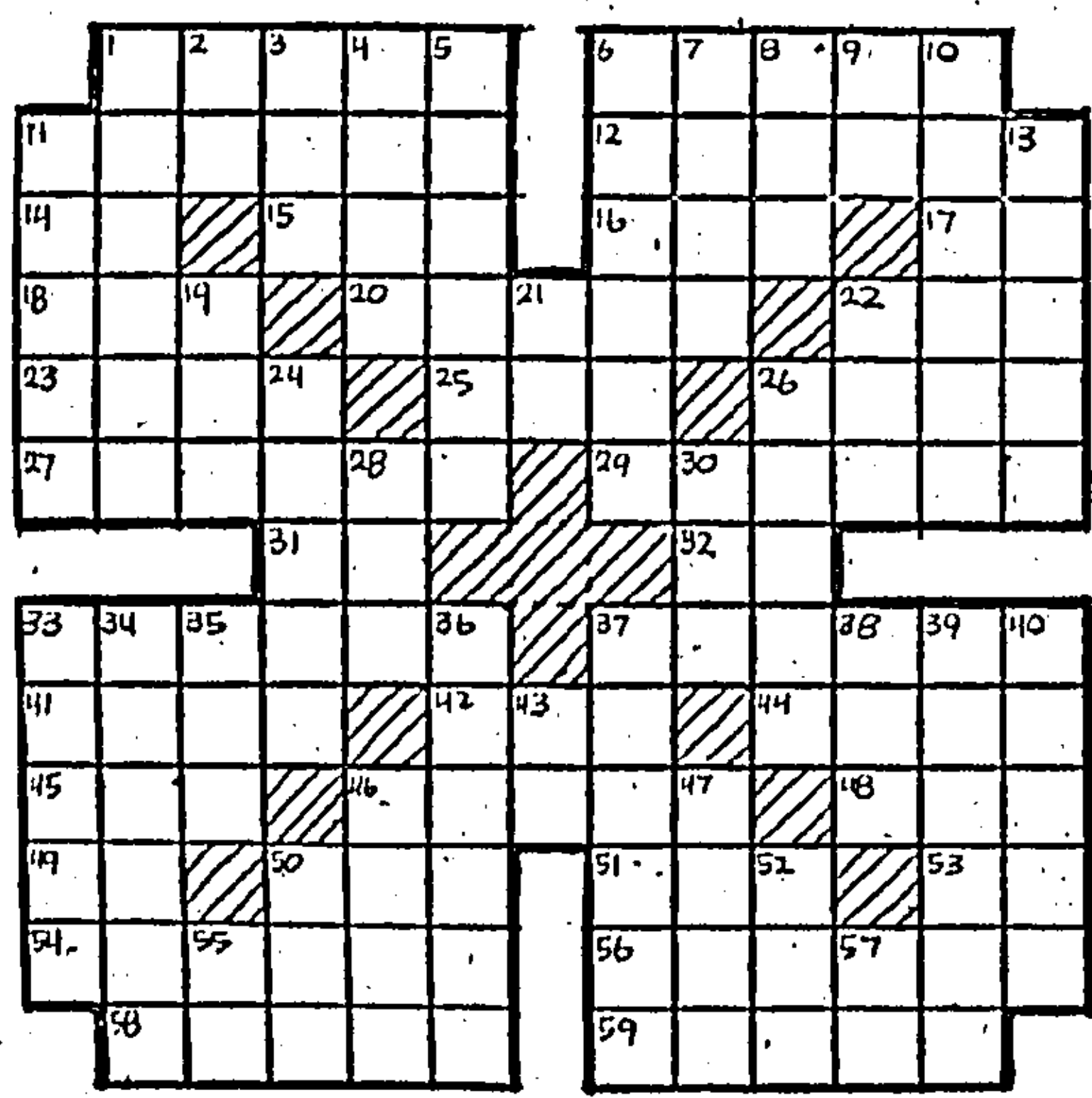
ACROSS

- 1—Farm
- 6—Frog's sound
- 11—Protection
- 12—Pie
- 14—You and I
- 15—Turf
- 16—Devoiced
- 17—O sharp in M
- 20—Joni
- 21—Sella
- 22—Used container
- 23—Let it stand
- 25—Optic
- 26—Walking stick
- 27—Shallow water
- 28—Lassoo
- 31—Chutes measure
- 32—Gibberish river
- 33—Triangular end-wall
- 39—Shore birds
- 41—Test command
- 42—Humili
- 43—Roman emperor
- 46—Electricity promoting
- 48—Trench: three
- 49—Continental (abbr.)
- 50—Shake up
- 51—Light car
- 52—Man's nickname
- 54—Lubricate

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1—Word container
- 2—Exclamation
- 3—Roman money
- 4—Walk wearily
- 5—Duck waters
- 6—Center of volcano
- 7—Snake fix
- 8—Uncle
- 9—Hawless lava
- 10—Japanese garment
- 11—Central European
- 12—Is borne
- 13—Trench: new
- 14—Railway (abbr.)
- 15—Strike lightly
- 16—Score
- 17—Domestic house
- 18—He situated
- 19—Split molecule
- 20—Laying
- 21—On a ship
- 22—Man's nickname
- 23—Faucet
- 24—Fondle
- 25—Wandering
- 26—Dirties
- 27—Done
- 28—File
- 29—Riverina city
- 30—Fruit preserves
- 31—Carrier of heredity
- 32—Babylonian deity
- 33—George Russell



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## HITLER likes this JEW

LISBON.  
I FOUND Dr Bloch, the seventy-one-year-old Jewish physician whom six-year-old Adolf Hitler used to call "Uncle Doctor," in a modest third floor back room of a Lisbon boarding house, where he and his wife were waiting for a boat to take them to their daughter in New York.

Ten days previously the old couple left the little Austrian town of Linz, where for the last forty-five years, Dr Bloch, as the kindly country doctor, had ministered day and night to rich and poor.

Among his patients had been the family of a humble Customs officer named Alois Hitler.

## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE WAR

"WOE, WOE!"

MANY people are wondering how we can "take Italy out of the war" by another sort of offensive—the propagandist sort, already exemplified in the Prime Minister's broadcast to the Italian people.

We desire again to be friends with the Italians; again to feel towards them as our great writers felt in the last century: Browning, Swinburne, Meredith. We may assure them of this desire. But is there much that the friends of Italy could do in this country that could be more effective than the in-becile manderings of their own tyrants-at-home?

After the Greek victories, the North African campaign, Bardia and the rest, can it be pleasant for anxious Italians in half-starved cafes to listen to Jeremiahs of "woe, woe!" from Ansaldo?

Can it convince them that they are winning to be told that every defeat is an "incident"?

Above all, can it relieve their wounded feelings to hear (as they have this week) that whatever may happen Italy never, never will desert Germany?

Part of the final blow of propaganda against Italy may be left to Mussolini! (Daily Mirror).

## Setting The French To Work

The German locusts have been feeding on France for the last few months, and now there is little left for them to eat. Now the Germans are determined to make the French work for them. The two million war prisoners are going to work in Germany, and their upkeep will, under the terms of the armistice agreement, be paid by the French Government. The French unemployed are being tempted to sign contracts for work in Germany. It is announced that in Paris alone 15,000 have already signed on. The Germans are keen to get under contract men from the engineering and building trades. The contracts for as long as they are needed. Lastly, those industrial workers who are left in France will work chiefly for Germany's war needs.

The whole scheme is finely camouflaged as a "clearing arrangement" between Vichy and Berlin, an arrangement too complicated for a starving unemployed man to understand. The agreement concluded between Vichy and Berlin provides that all payments due by Germany in France shall be paid by the French Government. The scheme is, in effect, financed out of French inflation. The Germans, in addition to creating for themselves an artificially favourable franc-mark ratio, are filling up the French Treasury with paper marks—which the French cannot use. (Manchester Guardian Weekly).

"I had wanted to take an airplane direct here from Vienna," said Dr Bloch in a quivering voice as he sat on the bed talking to me, "but the Luftwaffe men warned me that while they were prepared to give me a seat, as a great favour, on the plane, if an Aryan German came along and asked for it, I would have to give it up to him. So I preferred to go by train with the rest of the party."

He seemed to think that this was quite normal, not a matter for complaint, this wizened little Jewish doctor with the long, old-fashioned moustaches, which he is proud to tell you little Adolf used to tug.

THAT is the extraordinary thing about this Dr Bloch. Despite everything, he is proud of having been family doctor to the Hitlers.

But he won't speak of Hitler's illness. "Way back before the Anschluss, a writer came and asked me about Hitler's illness. What a good thing I preserved my medical secrecy and refused to say anything. Just think what would have happened otherwise when the Nazis came in. To this day I have never disclosed anything concerning the illness of the family Hitler."

"Do you know," said Frau Bloch, "Hitler hadn't forgotten my husband? When he drove through Linz after his entry into Austria in 1938 he passed our house and waved up to our window with a special smile."

The old doctor nodded confirmation. "That is to say, my dear," he said, "that is what they told us. You see," he turned to me, "as Jews we were not permitted to be at the window when our Fuehrer passed."

"I HAD thought," he said wistfully, "that perhaps I would be allowed to continue to practise in Linz. I thought perhaps our Fuehrer would recall how I had attended his mother in her last illness. But it was no good. All they would concede was that I



should be allowed to begin a new practice in Vienna. I was too well known in Linz as a Jew, they said. It would compromise the Fuehrer if I were allowed to continue to practise there. He could make no exception."

Nevertheless, Dr Bloch, who remained in Linz and did not try to start a new practice at the age of sixty-nine in Vienna, was allowed certain privileges which were denied the generality of Jews.

For instance, he was permitted to use the telephone. Yes, sir, he was permitted to use the telephone. "Before we left many of them came to see us to discontinue us from going," said the little Jewish doctor. "Uncle Doctor," they said to me, 'how can you think of emigrating at your age? And auntie, too. Stay with us. It will soon all be different.' I think in Linz they really loved us. Don't you think so, my dear?" he asked his wife. She did not answer. There were tears in her dim old eyes.

SEFTON DELMER

## Our Secret Weapon: Humour Musso Under Fire

The following are extracts taken from a letter just received by a well-known British firm in Hongkong from an officer of its parent organisation in England. Each month, the writer circulates such a letter to all the overseas branches of the organisation in order, as he says, to give an idea of conditions at home and particularly of the spirit of the English people.

"Poor old Musso! He and another baldheaded man put their heads together and made a perfect ass of themselves! Little Adolf, furious at the defeat in Egypt, asked him what had happened to his army and navy, about which he had boasted so much. 'I only told you,' said Musso, 'they were in good running order. Besides, what can we do against the Australians? Eleven of them beat all England two years ago.'"

"Anyhow, Wops are going cheap in Egypt to-day—as for Wop Generals, you simply can't give 'em away. A little Cockney corporal, a keen fisherman in days of peace, was put in charge of some 257 prisoners—but only arrived back with 250. When asked for an explanation, he said 'Seven were so small, that I simply had to put 'em back.'"

## But Blissful

"On the Home Front, we remain blitzed but blissful, as I said in my Blitzmas greetings to you all. Damage has, of course, been suffered, but it is speedily made good. Our works have continued production unceasingly. The bulk of the destruction has fallen upon shops and houses—we have had a number of casualties amongst our employees, but every one occurred in their own homes. And the lousy

Hun still says he is bombing military objectives—that's what we golfers would call a "hanging lie."

"In London the nightly blitz continues, culminating in the great incendiary raid on the City three nights ago. The particulars have been published in the Press, and you've heard of the destruction of buildings which are dear to the hearts of all of us. In this stricken area lay the Headquarters of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. To-day, I visited these Headquarters. A taxi took me within a mile of it, and thereafter I walked over piles of rubble which had once been streets, amid the skeletons of buildings still smouldering.

## Carrying On

"Of our Headquarters, one wall remains, identifiable only by the brass plate that was on it and by a notice saying that new offices had already been opened at another address.

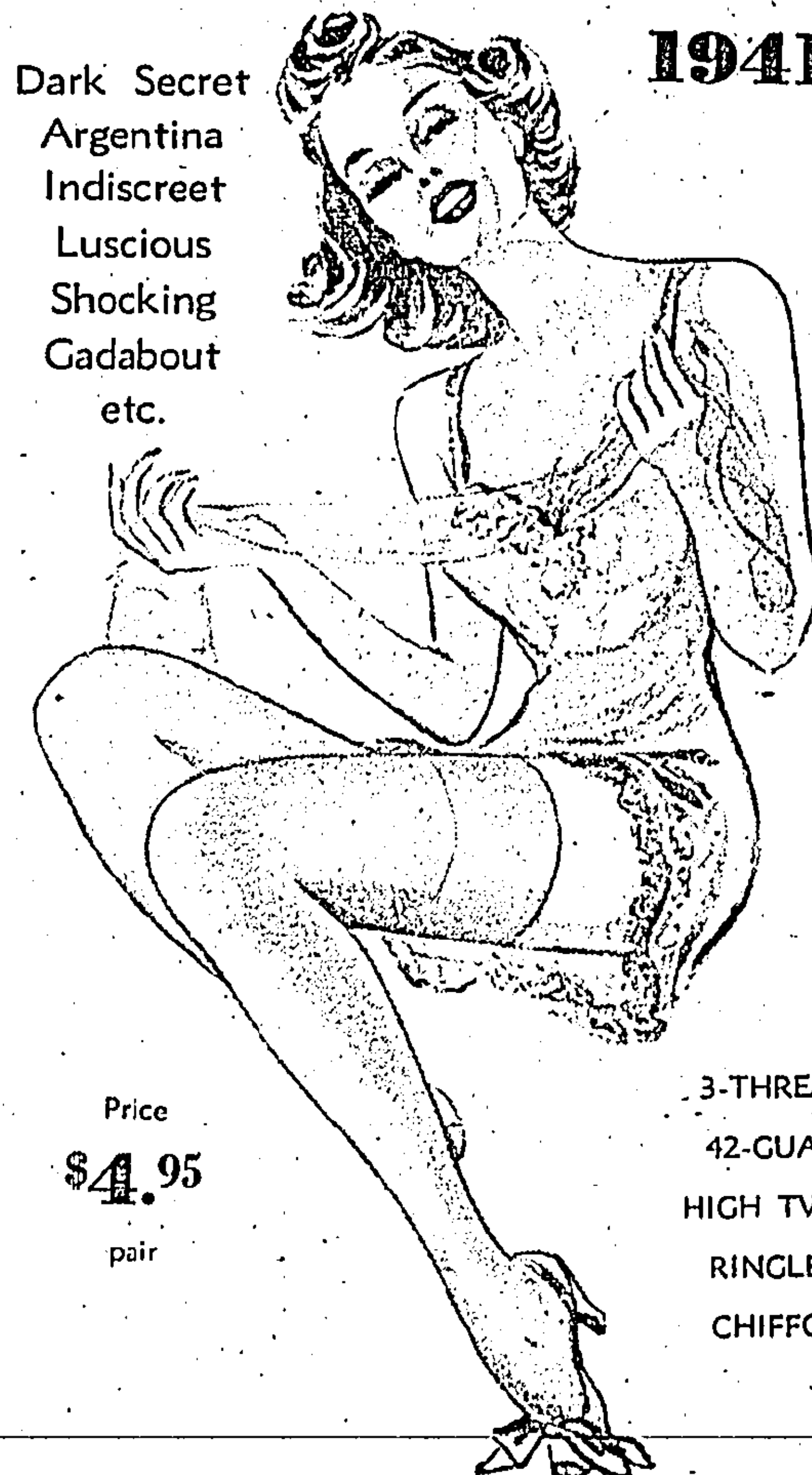
"That's the spirit of England to-day—we carry on, and wait for the day of revenge. The other day I passed a little 'pub,' all its windows broken and somewhat battered besides, and this was the message it displayed:

"I may be a blasted pub, But I've plenty of beer, And plenty of grub, Why worry."

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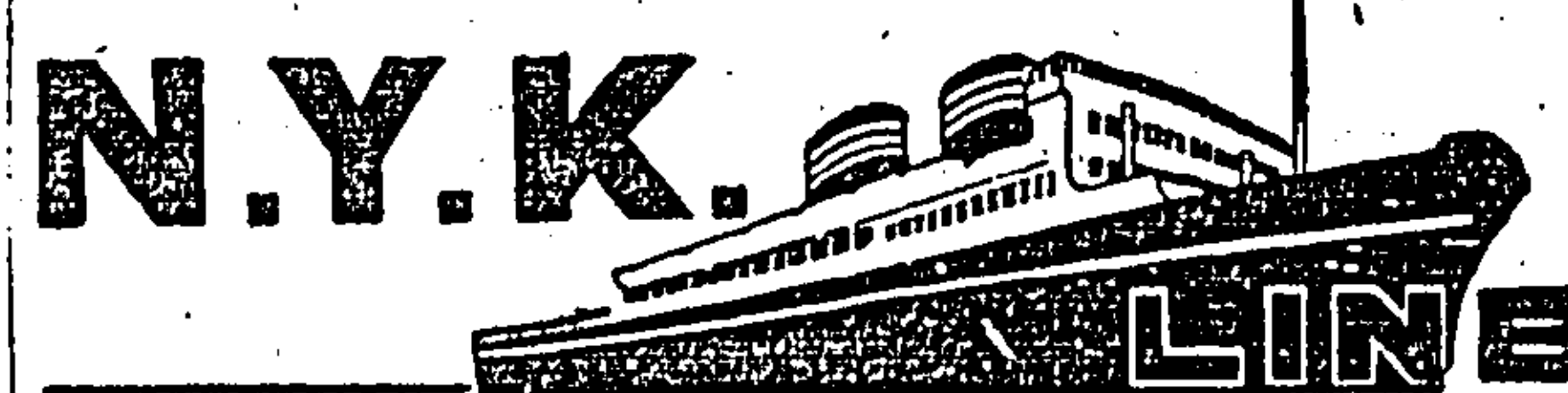
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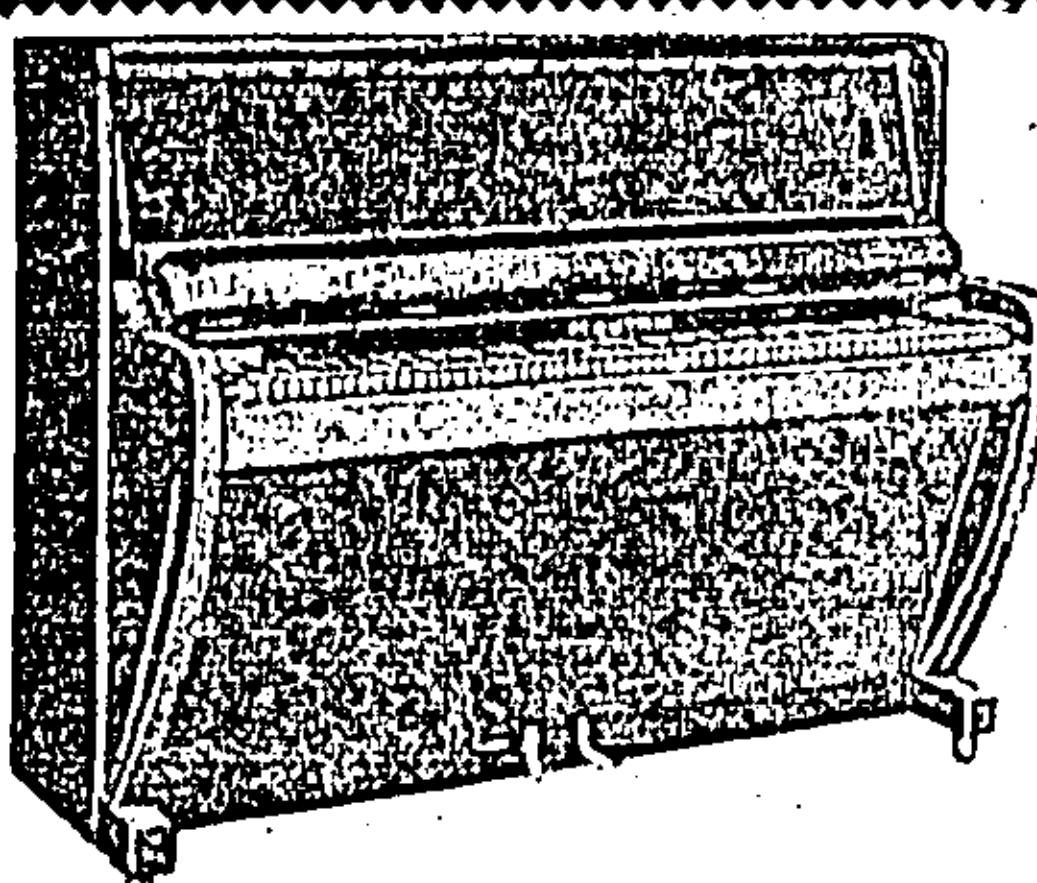
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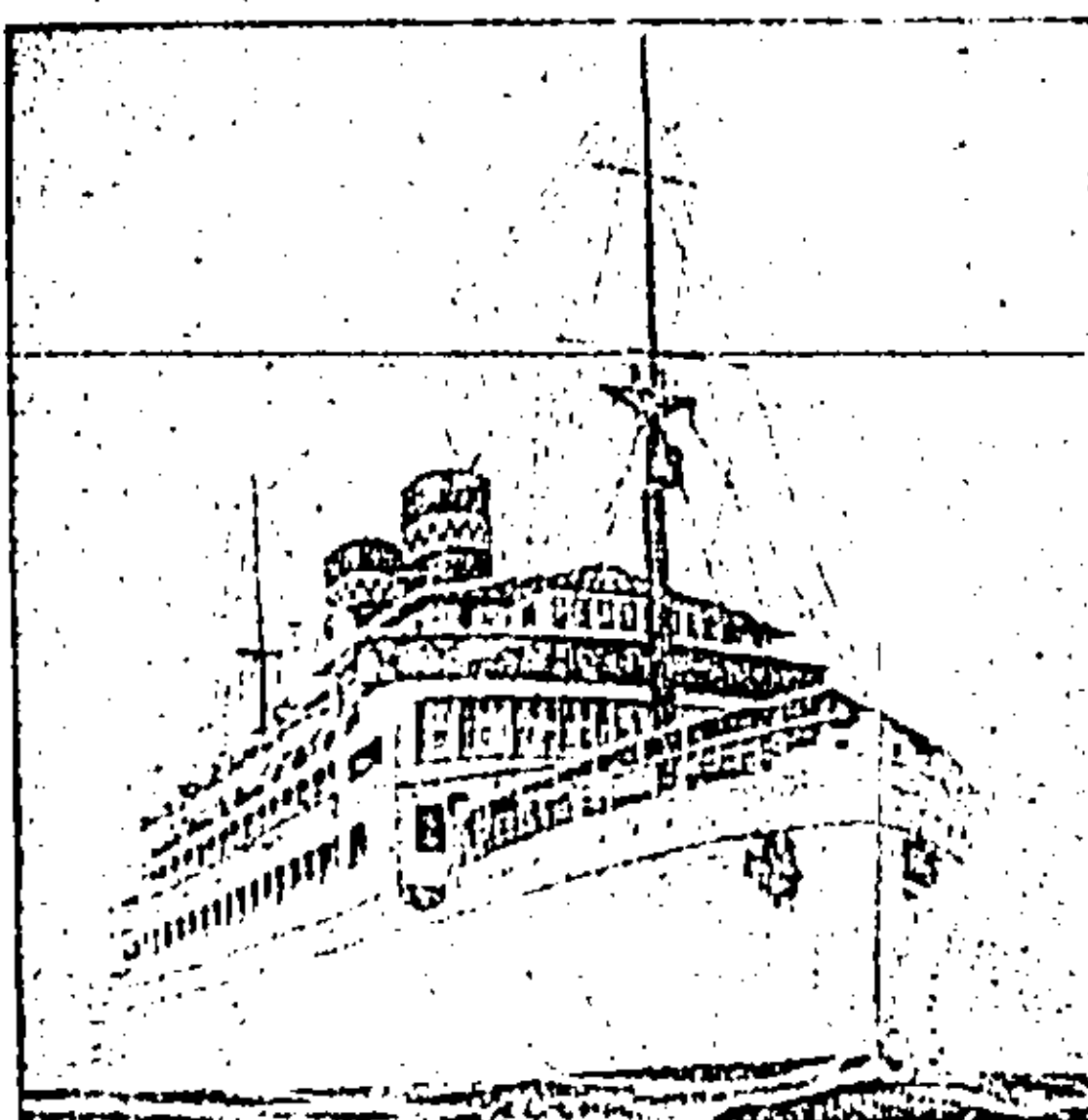
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### DEATH

SADICK—Christine, aged 27 years, beloved wife of O. Sadick, this morning at her residence at No. 52, Victoria Road. Funeral will take place this afternoon passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family and relatives of the late Bertha Maria Noronha d'Azevedo wish to express their thanks for kind sympathy in their recent bereavement, for attendance at the funeral, letters of condolence, floral tributes and Holy Mass Offering.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

Tuesday, March 18, 1941.

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### HITLER'S HEADACHE

CHAPLIN may have intended solely to satirise Hitler in "The Great Dictator", yet Charlie's imaginative study of the Fuehrer as a spoilt, bad-tempered little boy who screams and raves when things don't go as he wants them to, comes very near the truth judged in the light of Hitler's latest speech to his people. It consisted of nothing but vague, generalised boasts and threats of what he and his military forces were going to do to Britain and her Allies. And these boasts were the product not of confidence, but of irateness and desperation caused by frustration of his magical schemes to eliminate Britain, his greatest and most deadly foe.

For these are the facts which Hitler had to face up to during the week-end, but which, to his own people, he would not admit. Britain had forestalled him in his Balkans quest by placing a formidable army in Greece ready to withstand any invasion from Bulgaria; Yugoslavia, undoubtedly encouraged by this fact, had told Hitler to go and play in his lake at Berchtesgaden before they would sign away their freedom to him. The great Italian offensive launched under the personal direction of Mussolini has become a fiasco and a disaster—the Italians have lost some 50,000 more men and have not regained an inch of territory; the Lend and Lease Bill has become immediately operative and already new supplies are being rushed across the Atlantic to Britain; Hitler's night raiders have been given the worst beating since the start of the war, providing fresh emphasis to the fact that the Luftwaffe is being slowly, but surely driven out of the skies.

These are sober, unchallengeable facts; to Hitler, horrid and dispiriting. Already there are signs that the neurotic dictator in losing his initiative actions are again giving precedence to words, and his promises are becoming more and more generalised. A few months ago he assured the German nation that the invasion of Britain was simply a question of him selecting the time for it; now he has fallen back on the defensive; invasion of England is dropped; instead he is "ready to meet Britain on any soil, on any seas and over any territory", which suggests that he is waiting for Britain to choose the venue. In the hope, presumably, that she will choose one which gives the Nazis the most advantage. It is a striking example of

# SEA POWER and the WORLD WAR

The brilliant military cam-Mediterranean, with all its paign which has ejected the means, rests with the British armies of invasion. The result is that British from Egyptian soil and tish warships have been able thrown them back in dis-to bombard the Italian order into Libya was only forces in the rear from the made possible by sea power, sea, and the supply of reinforcements. When Italy intervened in forcements and materials, the war her main task was including petrol and water, to assist Germany in defeat-by sea to the Italian forces ing the British Empire by in Libya, is made more diff-involving Egypt and secur-ficult. control of the Suez. On the other hand sup-Canal. This would have eplies can be carried by sea facilitated the German drive to the British advancing through the Balkans and forces, and their wounded Turkey to the oilfields of and prisoners evacuated by Iraq and Persia. water. Another result of

## By Lord Strabolgi

The correct strategy was this failure to risk all on a for the Italian Navy to be great naval engagement is concentrated and to seek a that the Italian Navy is un-decisive engagement with a able to help its army against numerically inferior British the Greeks by creating Fleet based on Alexandria, diversions on the coast of Apparently the Italian Greece or by sending sea Higher Command believed expeditions to operate in the that the same object could Aegean.

be achieved by evasive or guerilla tactics. They hoped to lure the British Fleet within striking distance of their own Air Force and thus to win a naval battle without risking their six battleships, the backbone of the Italian Navy.

This was a strategical mistake of the first order, and is similar to the blunder made by the German High Command at the beginning of the last war. Then there was a favourable period when the British Fleet could have been engaged with some hope of success, but the same mistake was made of trying to preserve intact the main German Fleet.

In the event it was the Italian Fleet which was damaged by air attack, three, or possibly four, of their large ships being damaged at Taranto, and another one in the brief long-range action off Sardinia. The result is that the main Italian battle fleet is seriously reduced in numbers, and the command of the Eastern

A third important result is that the blockade of Italy continues. The Italian Admirals may attempt diversions with their submarines or by using their fast light cruisers for sporadic attacks and threats. But unless these are successful beyond all normal prospects of naval warfare they will not affect the main issue. Once more the lessons of history are made plain for us in this war. Outside the Mediterranean the economic pressure of the blockade continues on Germany, and any attempt at invasion of the British Islands will always be an operation of the greatest danger so long as Britain disposes of superior naval power.

It had been widely held by students of war that superior air power would be able to counter air superior naval power. This has not happened in practice except in the abnormal case of the invasion of Norway. There the threat of air attack prevented the full use of British and French naval power on the German lines of communication. Since then there has been more experience in countering air attack on warships at sea while the German air superiority has been much reduced.

The great shipbuilding programme in Britain is bearing fruit, and every month increases the effectiveness of superior naval control.

## Last of the Biplanes

British, Canadian and Australian fighter pilots have recently been gaining glory in encounters over the Western Desert with fighter and bomber aircraft of Italy's Regia Aeronautica. Among the aircraft they have used is the Gloster Gladiator, last of the long line of fighter biplanes adopted by the R.A.F.

Names of British fighter aircraft are singularly apt. "Hurricane" and "Spitfire" have caught the imagination of friend and foe, typifying as they do the great speed and devastating fire-power of these modern eight-gun monoplane types.

loss of confidence, but if he imagines that his blusterings are capable of luring the British leaders into a false move, he displays a typically naive understanding of British intelligence. The situation is developing quite nicely for Britain and she can afford to wait before she makes the sure move which will overthrow Hitler.

But never was a combat aircraft more appropriately named than the Gladiator, calling to mind the fighter in the arena. Although speed is not its great asset, probably no aircraft has ever been designed more suited to the close and intricate manoeuvres of air fighting. Some of the most spectacular formation flying seen at Hendon Displays before the war were carried out by Gladiators. And, as the first British fighter to mount more than two guns—four being the Gladiator's standard armament—it was the first multi-gun fighter to go into service. Gladiators were also used for the high altitude "weather flights" which were a feature of pre-war days.

Technically, the Gladiator may be described as a single-seat, equal-span biplane with metal structure fuselage and wings. Wing span is about 32 feet—five feet less than the Spit-

## The Boy Who Started Life on a Shoe-string!



## THE FARCE OF THE REICHSTAG

THE great shadow show with much noise has again been enacted in long-suffering Berlin. Hitler, having returned from one of his tours to the defeated, called the Reichstag to tell his hirelings all about his adventures.

What a farce. Just a few yards away from the Kroll Opera House is to be found the original Reichstag building which was supposed to have been burned to the ground by the dastardly Communist conspiracy in the early days of Hitler's dictatorship. Actually in that same fire only a very small portion of the great building was burned out—that of the original democrati-

No, for Hitler there must be a far more imposing setting. The big Kroll Opera House provides it. Here is a vast expanse where you can erect really fine rostrums and hang gigantic banners which are meat and drink to a true gauleiter. Strange metaphor you may say, but I have never yet seen a district leader in Germany unless he was surrounded by bunting as long as a battleship's "paying off" pennant.

But this solemn farce, which takes the place of the one time freely elected Parliament, is a sad tawdry affair. And es-

## By Norman Hillson

cally elected chamber of deputies. In point of fact there are many who think it was a pity the flames did not do more damage, for, although Berlin contains very many hideous buildings, there is surely nothing so grotesque as the one time German Parliament house.

Hitler is well aware of this. If the Reichstag had survived it could never in Nazi eyes have been a worthy setting for the fulminations of Adolf Hitler. For that reason the burned out chamber is kept in its charred state as a reminder to good citizens of the dastardly methods of Communism, although it is difficult to see how the Fuehrer explains this away to his friend Stalin across the border.

pecially for those of us who knew the Europe of a happier hour. So many Parliaments have topped in a decade, in far less.

The Reichstag was a real Parliament. It was elected by popular suffrage of both male and female adults, and the people retained the right of referendum and the initiation of laws. Hitler changed all that. To-day the Reichstag is just a body of Nazi nominees who travel to Berlin to cheer the Leader no matter what latest line of hyperbole he is putting out. They do not applaud with sufficient vigour at the cry of the cheer leaders, their names are noted and a convenient opportunity is taken to remove them to another sphere of usefulness.

Mussolini, like all dictators, also deprived the Italians of a constitutional parliament. One of the dearly prized privileges of those Italians who laboured for the unification of their land was the written constitution known as the Statute.

This document established Italy as a constitutional monarchy with a Senate of 300 members and a Chamber, elected by adult suffrage of 330.

The system, even with the volatile Italians, worked very well, but it was not good enough for Mussolini and his Blackshirts. He swept the old Chamber away while still nominally retaining the Senate. The Chamber to-day is a "syndical corporation." Its members are supposed to be elected. What actually happens is that the voters as a whole are presented with a list of candidates, all naturally ardent and active Fascists, whom they must elect, or reject, willy-nilly. Of course they always elect.

Now this rascal Quisling in Norway is also aping the game of the more successful adventurers. He is in progress of abolishing the famous Storting. Storting was the name given to the Norwegian Parliament of 150 members. One quarter of these sat in an upper chamber known as the Lathing and the rest in a lower house called the Opland. This last body was the more important for as in our own system, it controlled all money bills.

One day a better time will return to the world. Let us hope that that better time will bring about a revival of the great Parliamentary institutions, yes, even the Reichstag.



## JUSTICE IN NAZI NORWAY

Judges Over-Ruled

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The new Peoples' Court established by Quisling in Oslo has already begun work.

Sixteen labour members of the Oslo Municipal Council, were accused of having taken part in a "demonstration against the New Order" and "having acted in a counter-revolutionary manner."

The two judges held that there was no case against the accused since they had not been guilty of any overt act. The judges, however, were overruled by the Presiding Magistrate and two lay magistrates who were all supporters of the National Samling (Quisling Party) placed in their positions to ensure that there was always a majority for Nazi "justice."

### The Sentences

Two of the accused were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, two more to 15 months and the remainder were bound over.

All were excluded for ten years from participation in public affairs, thus automatically depriving them of seats in the Municipal Council.

## Statement On Sale Of U. K. Stock

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—A British Treasury statement on the sale of British holdings in the American Viscose Corporation says that 90 per cent. of a public issue to be made in the United States will go to the Treasury.

The shares now sold totalled 448,000 shares which were held by Courtland Limited (the great British rayon concern). The price to be paid to Courtlands will be settled between the company and the Treasury or by arbitration.

This is the first fruit of the Peace-Check mission, which was to examine the possibility of making the best of British investments in the United States.

### Determination

The statement adds: "The sale of this valuable holding to American interests is evidence of the determination of the British Government to use every possible means of self-help at a time when they are receiving from the Government of the United States the measures of assistance set out in President Roosevelt's great speech on Saturday."

## Women Doctors For The Army

NEW DELHI, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—A number of posts in the British military medical services in India will be opened to British women medical practitioners. It is announced. The selected candidates will be attached to the R.A.M.C. as medical officers with military status but without commissions.

It is proposed in the first instance to employ the selected candidates in British military families and hospitals.

## William Hearst Speaks Out For Mr Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—"We are in the conflict now, irretrievably involved in it," is the comment of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper magnate, on President Roosevelt's speech in today's "New York Journal-American." Mr. Hearst described the speech as "good," adding: "The United States has been brought into war by a masterly series of good speeches. We must unite in standing by the Government we have elected and the policy we have determined upon. There is only one way out of our situation now and that is by victory."

## HYDERABAD, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—

The Nizam's Government has offered to raise a full R.I.A.S.C. company.

## ITALIAN AIRMEN GO TO LONDON—BY TRAIN



LONDON saw its first Italian prisoners recently, survivors from the 13 planes brought down over the Thames Estuary. A few people at the station were angry and booed. Most gave a tolerant smile to the prisoners, one of whom (below) swaggered his way past whistling.



## ALBANIA Italians Tired After Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The Italians on the Albanian front are showing signs of exhaustion after the crushing of their big offensive last week, according to the Athens radio.

Only artillery fire was reported from the central sector to-day.

On Saturday, the Italians launched two relatively small attacks which were easily repulsed and a further attack on Sunday morning was also disposed of without difficulty.

### Achievements In Air

ATHENS, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—After quoting the achievements of the R.A.F. at Triana on Sunday, the Athens radio announcer said that during last week 39 Italian aircraft were shot down and destroyed in air battles with Allied aircraft.

Seventeen others were severely damaged and at least 15 more were destroyed on the ground in enemy aerodromes.

Three British aircraft only were lost, the pilots of two of these returning safely.

## WAR BONDS FOR BROOCHES

—Paying In Kind

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17 (Central News).—For the convenience of those who like to dispose of their gold and silver ornaments, bullion or other things readily convertible into cash, the War Loans Campaign Committee has announced a set of regulations concerning subscription to the 1940 issue of government bonds by "paying in kind."

It is specified that the gold and silver exchange agency of the Central Bank of China will be responsible for appraising and cashing such ornaments.

The authorities reserve the right of refusing acceptance of certain types of payment in kind which cannot be readily converted into cash.

## JAPANESE TALKS IN N.E.I.

—Friendly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BATAVIA, Mar. 17 (Domei).—The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, chief delegate to the Japanese-Dutch economic conversations, will leave on Friday for a visit to Medan, on the northern part of the island.

Mr. Yoshizawa met Mr. H. J. van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands East Indies Government, on Saturday for 40 minutes "in a friendly atmosphere."

## Plane Gifts To Empire

All Sources Contribute

LONDON, Mar. 17 (British Wireless).—After subscribing £100,000 for the purchase of fighter aircraft, the people of Trinidad have sent a further amount of £10,000 as the first instalment for the purchase of bombers.

The Olives and Hurlingham districts of Buenos Aires has sent £5,000 for the purchase of aircraft.

The Governor of the French Cameroons has put at the disposal of the British Consul General at Duala, two boxes of gold amounting in value to £5,000 for the purchase of a Spitfire.

Already one such gift has been made by public subscription and another purchase is well on the way.

## U.S. Warships On Goodwill Visit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—British diplomatic sources to-day regarded the goodwill visit of six American warships to Auckland as a demonstration of Far East co-operation between the United States and Britain.

The Navy Department disclosed that two of the newest 10,000 ton cruisers and four destroyers were dispatched from the base at Pearl Harbor for a three-day visit, and it is believed that the vessels had already arrived before the announcement was made last night.

The move is regarded as another chapter in the "war of nerves" in the Pacific, the ships being dispatched as Mr. Matsuoka left for Berlin while the action was closely followed by President Roosevelt's declaration of the utmost aid for China.

## Exchange At A Glance

### SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	445
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

### BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/L London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	102 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,340 n.
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Chartered	217 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. & C. & D.	10 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. & D.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

### INSURANCES

Cantons	215 n.
Union	425 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 n.

### SHIPPING

Douglas	135 n.
Steamships	9 n.
Indo-China S. S.	80 n.
Indo-China S. S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) S.	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	104 sa.
Docks (old)	10 1/2 n.
Docks (new)	510 b.
Providents & C.	20 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyards	20 1/2 n.

### MINING

Kollan S.	177 n.
Raub S.	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 n.

### LANDS

Hotel	320 sa.
Lands & C.	31 1/2 n.
Lands & C.	31 1/2 n.
Shai Lands S.	1240 n.
Humphreys	670 n.
H.K. Realities	3 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates	98 n.

### UTILITIES

Trams & C.	16 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 n.

China Lights (old)	6 1/2 n.
China Lights (new)	1 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	4 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	40.00 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17.00 n.
Macao Electric (new)	16 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	9 n.

### INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$25 n.
Canton Ice S.	17.10 n.
Cements S.	8.15 sa.
H.K. Ropes	8.15 sa.

### STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms	16 sa.
Watsons S.	10 1/2 n.
Lane Crawfords	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	215 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	100 n.

### COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. S.	44 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	185 n.

### MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 1/2 n.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1.1 n.
Vibro Filling	7.70 n.
Maramans Inv. (Lon.) S.	0/0 n.
Maramans Inv. (H.K.) S.	2/0 n.

## Nanking Official Assassinated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18 (UP).—A gunman shot and killed Hu Shao-ling, a pro-Wang Chingwei official at 10 o'clock last night in the Shanghai department store area while hundreds of persons were on the street. The gunman fired two shots which killed Hu, then mangled with the "rowdies" and escaped. Papers found on Hu identified him as a Nanking official.

## ROOSEVELT STIRS THE UNIVERSE

Reaction To Speech

ATHENS, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—By its President's speech, declares the newspaper "Proine" to-day, the United States ranges itself not only from a material standpoint but above all from a moral standpoint alongside the nations fighting for justice, liberty and civilisation.

That constitutes a guarantee that these three things will finally conquer their enemies, the paper adds. Other papers all welcome President Roosevelt's speech, a typical comment being that of "Eleftheron Vima": "Greece will show herself worthy of the confidence the great American nation has shown in her, and after victory is won, will show her gratitude to those who lent her ample and spontaneous assistance."

### S. African Confidence

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Confidence is expressed in Government circles here that the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill will expedite the defeat of the Axis. Commentators consider it impossible for the Axis to succeed against the combined might of the British Empire and the most powerful nation in the world, declares the lobby correspondent of the South African Press Association.

### Severing of Relations

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—That Hitler will soon sever relations with the United States is considered likely by Washington diplomatic observers, according to Mr. William Simms, the well-known writer on the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

## Appeal To Red Party

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central News).—The Institute of Sunyatsen yesterday addressed a telegram to Mao Tse-tung, Lin Tse-han, Tung Pi-wu, Teng Ying-chao, Wu Yu-chang, Chen Shao-yu and Chin Peng-hsien, the seven Communist members of the People's Political Council, urging them to sink factional differences in the interests of the nation and the cause of national regeneration through the war of resistance and reconstruction. The message recalled that the Chinese Communist Party had pledged allegiance to the Sun Min Chu I, the National Government and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and appealed to it to fulfil its pledge.

## FRANCO-THAI AGREEMENT

SAIGON, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is officially stated that four Government experts will leave for Tokyo on Wednesday from Hanoi to set down the details of the Franco-Thai agreement.

## Royal Air Force Awards

Woman Gets O. B. E.

LONDON, Mar. 17 (British Wireless).—Squadron Leader R. M. Longmore, son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, receives the O.B.E.

Recipients of decorations are: C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal N. H. Bottomley, F. J. Linnell, G. R. M. Reid and R. Paul.

C.B.E.—Acting Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Bromet, Air Commodore E. S. Goodwin and Group Captain G. M. Lay.

Forty-four officers are awarded the O.B.E. One of these is a woman, Felicity Haury, of the W.A.A.F.

Other awards comprise one M.C., nine A.F.C.'s (one posthumous), two M.M.'s, three A.F.M.'s and 14 M.B.E.'s.

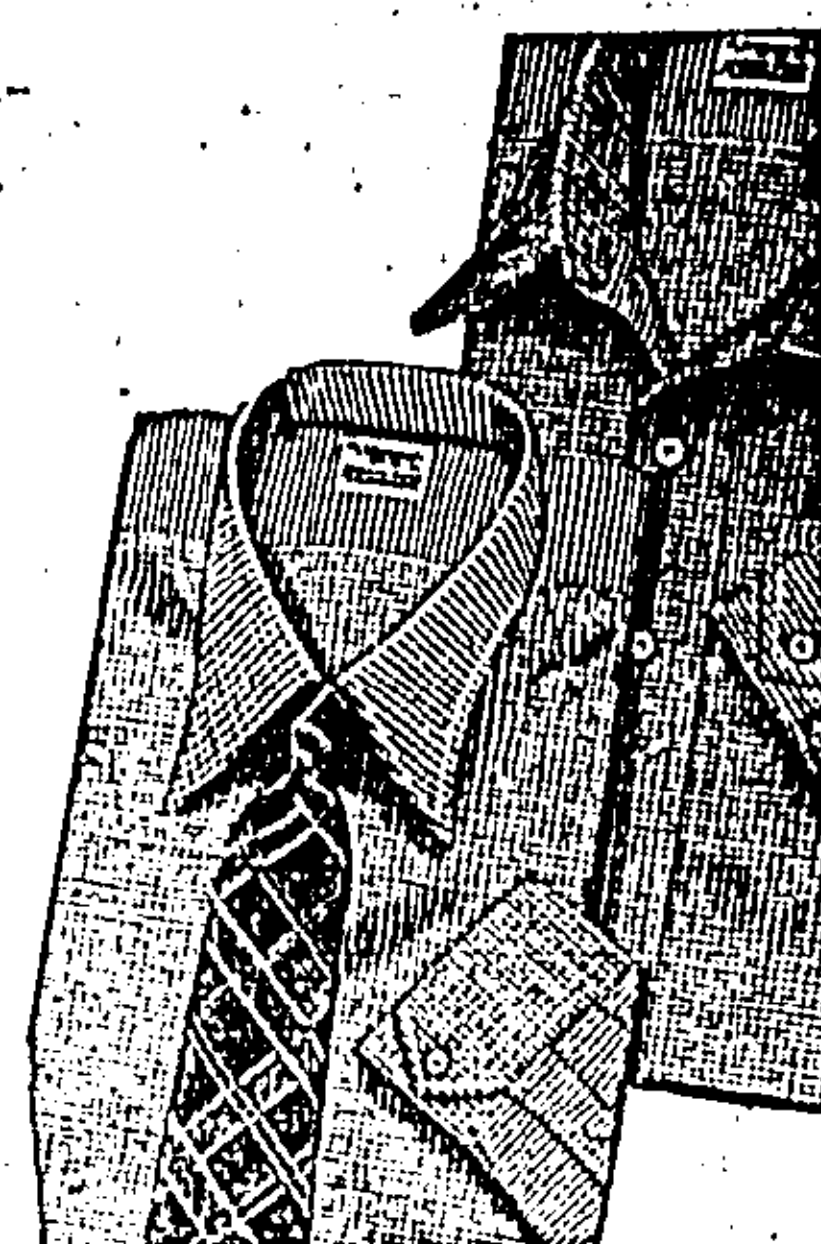
### Chinese Journalism

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central News).—At the meeting of the Chinese Institute of Journalism yesterday Messrs T. T. Hsiao, Tsao Kuoping, Peng Khe-cheng, Chow Hsi-pin, Thomas Meng-heng Chao, Ma Hsin-yeh and Ho Lien-kwai were elected executive directors. Mr. Pan Kung-chun, Bishop Paul Yu Pin, Messrs Cheng Chang-po, Kang Hunsan, and Lo Cheng-ich were elected members of the Standing Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

### Y'S MEN'S MEETING

Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke will speak on "China's Present Needs" at the Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

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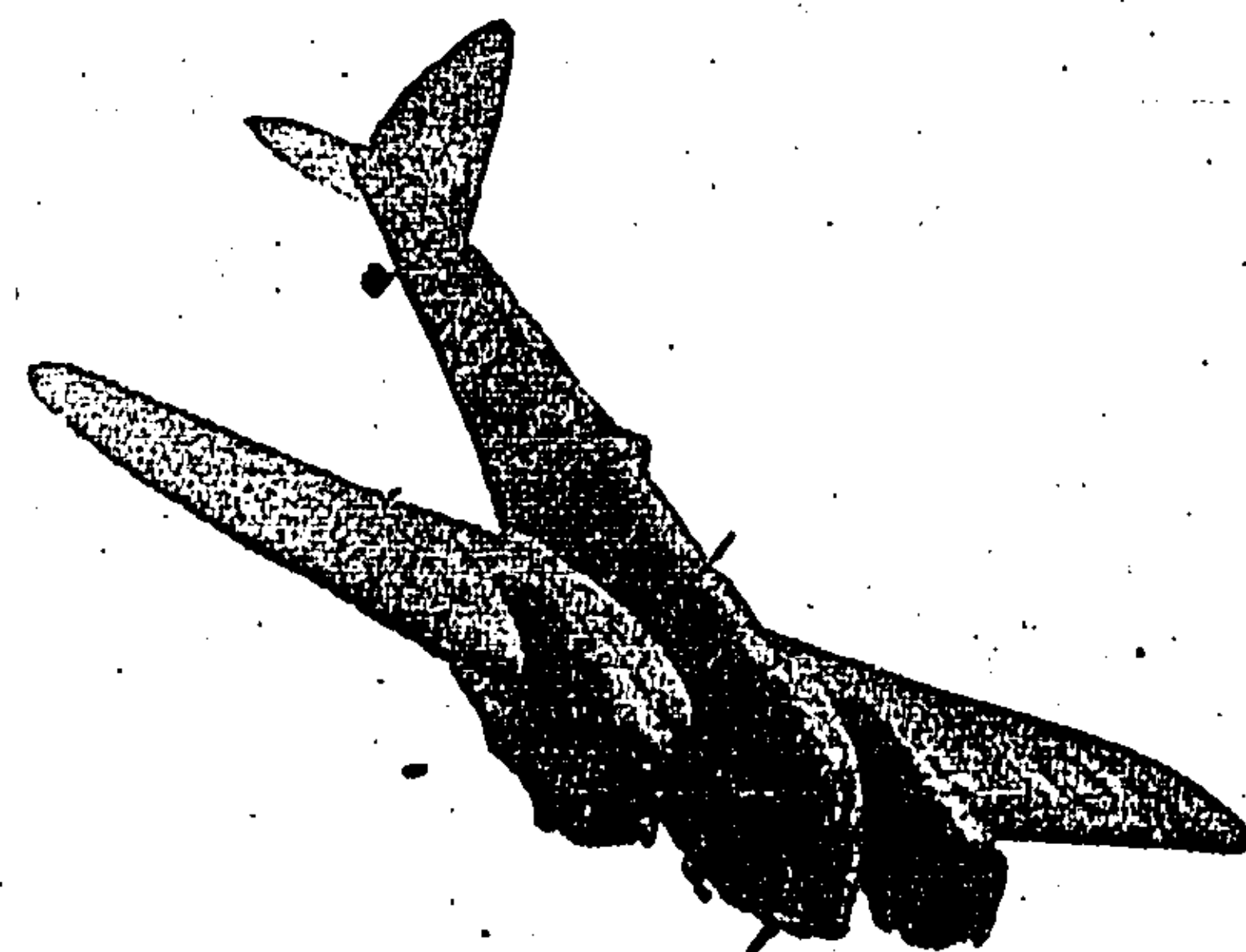
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## "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

# Turning Back The Pavilion Clock

## Players Of Thirty Years Ago When "Tam" Pearce Was A Bowler Few As Good To-day

THERE was one match played off on Saturday last, a very unpleasant day, and not a wildly exciting game, though the result was of great importance to Recreo, as it now puts them very nearly on terms with K.C.C. 2nd Eleven who have to win their next match outright to get ahead of them.

The Recreo 2nd XI, who have shown considerable strength in batting, were taking no chances about going on too long, and a stand between A. G. Noronha (69 not out) and P. M. N. Silva (41 not out) enabled them to declare at 140 for 2 wickets.

The innings showed a rate of scoring of 5 runs per over which, considering the heaviness of the outfield, was not so bad.

### A Collapse

At one time when F. A. Curran and A. R. Saffell were together, it seemed as if the Indians might do something, but once the second wicket stand was broken there was a complete collapse.

M. A. Remedios took 4 for 14, and E. M. L. Soares 4 for 12, and eventually the whole side was out for 58 runs, after having had 43 for 1 on the board.

It is greatly to be hoped that the improved weather which exists to-day (Monday) when I am writing these notes, will lead to a fine weekend and to some really cheerful cricket.

### Old Days

AS there is no active cricket to write about, it has occurred to me that my readers may be interested by a few reminiscences of cricket as I saw it in my early days in the Colony. I may be inaccurate but it will be more in dates than in facts.

Things were rather complicated in that for the 1911/12 and 1912/13 seasons I was playing rugby and living out at the Rest House, Tai-po (now the Police Bungalow) all the week. At first, our present Colonial Secretary, G. R. Sayer, W. Schofield (the last two both retired now) shared the mess, but I think I was the only one to go in regularly to play rugby, and Tommy King, as he was then known, always found me a camp bed in a small study at the Water Police Station.

Sayer, I believe, used to play cricket for the H.K.C.C. Sonny Wood (A.E.) used to play centre to me for a bit until he tore a muscle and gave up rugby. He was one of the Water Police Mess where Tommy King played for the Police C.C. and Robbie Hutchison (who died tragically in 1920) captained the Civil Service.

### First Contacts

I CLEARLY recall that the first game of cricket I saw in Hong-kong was in about January 1912, when I was being taken along to the Bowling Alley in the Club to

change for rugby. There was a game on the Club ground and I remember asking who that fellow was who was fielding so well to cover. I was told it was "Tam" Pearce, one of our best batsmen."

He had, I believe, more or less given up bowling then and had concentrated on his batting. But there were plenty in those days.

We have to-day one or two players who will equal them, but I doubt if even Alce Pearce is as brilliant as Dick Hancock at his prime.

And then there were Tam Pearce, Harry Hancock, W. C. D. Turner, A. C. Elborough, Stock Bird, Denis Donnelly and Lobster Reed, to name only a few. I know that I shall be called "laudator temporis acti," if anyone still knows Latin, or a cornucopia of old wis-d-om if no one does. But it is my honest conviction.

Harry Owen Hughes and Donald Anderson are in the class and possibly Minu. Teddy Fincher was. But beyond that I think the cricket standard here, and also in Shanghai, has deteriorated from that existing a quarter of a century ago.

### The Pavilion

IN those days the Pavilion was in the corner by the curve from Queen's Road into Des Voeux Road. I remember being told that when the Club were anxious to move from their match which had existed since the sixties in the Butterfield's corner of the ground, they had had their eyes on the present site, but the Hongkong Club had raised strong objection on the grounds that it would block out their light and air. I cannot vouch for the truth of the story.

The pavilion, as I first knew it, was not a massive affair, and a bit primitive in its arrangements as judged by our present luxurious standards.

But it had one advantage, and that was that you could watch the cricket with the light behind you.

I shall hope to complete these scattered reminiscences next week or the week after if there is any cricket to write about next week.

### To-day's Tennis

The following are the matches in the Colony Tennis Championships to-day:

**OPEN SINGLES**

W. J. Howard v. H. D. Rumjahn (7).

**OPEN DOUBLES**

O. Umehani and T. Imura v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8).

T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. Macdonough (4).

C. H. R. Oxley and A. H. Barwell v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui (5).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Referees' Decisions

Sir—I do not agree entirely with the views expressed by "Scrambler" which appeared in your paper last Saturday.

I always believe that, unless the players and spectators are taught to accept the referee's decision as final, it is no use to have any competitive games. If we allow protests and appeals there will be no end of trouble.

When a referee errs only on one side, it does not necessarily mean that he is biased—he may be perfectly honest. There may be "black sheep" among them, but we can get rid of these quite easily. The best way would be for the Referees' Association to give the name of the referee, a week or a few days before a match, and this referee is to be approved of by both teams. In other words, any side has the right to refuse him.

To protest against a referee's decision or to ask for a replay is, in my opinion, contrary to the idea of sport and the spirit of good sportsmanship. I am afraid that the recent "football riot" in Shanghai was the result of the same misapprehension.

A CHINESE SPORTSMAN.

### Athletics

## J. Macaulay Prominent At D.B.S. Sports

RECORDING four 1st's, three 2nd's and two 3rd's in eleven events, J. Macaulay took individual honours at the Diocesan Boys' School annual athletic sports meeting held at the school ground yesterday.

Macaulay's victory in the 100 yards race was very close. It was a duel between Yellow House and Blue, with the former capturing first place by only four points. Totals were: Yellow 107 and Blue 103.

Results were: 100 yards (Senior)—1, H. Wong; 2, L. Jernakoff; 3, Macaulay (dead heat). Time, 11 2/5. Middle—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time, 2 1/2. Junior—1, P. Muford; 2, Ng Luen-tuk; 3, Lee E-shan. Time, 12. 220 yards (Senior)—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, S. Hall. Height, 5 ft 5 in. Middle—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, E. Guest. Height, 4 ft 7 in. Junior—1, Chan Kwok-kin; 2, Ng Luen-tuk. Height, 3 ft 7 1/2 in. 440 yards (Middle)—1, P. Yew; 2, B. Lim; 3, Tan Kok-ling. Junior—1, Ng Luen-tuk; 2, Marley King Cheung (tie); 3, C. Wu.

220 yards (Senior)—1, J. Macaulay; 2, J. Jernakoff; 3, P. Lim. Time, 20 4/5. Junior—1, P. Yew; 2, Tan Kok-ling. Time, 33 2/5. Middle—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time, 29. 440 yards (Senior)—1, E. Read; 2, W. Newbern; 3, Fung King-chop. P. Yew; 4, B. Lim; 5, Ramsey. Junior—1, J. Macaulay; 2, Chan Kwok-kin; 3, Lee E-shan and Lui Tse-chiu-Kwok Wai-chiu (tie).

440 Yards (Senior)—1, J. Macaulay; 2, J. Jernakoff; 3, D. Trux. Time, 27. Middle—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, P. Muford; 4, Lee E-shan. Time, 19. Long Jump (Senior)—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, C. Whitfield; 3, Ma Hin-hong. Junior—1, J. Macaulay; 2, E. Read; 3, Tan Kok-ling; 4, B. Lim. Distance, 15 ft 9 in. Junior—1, P. Muford; 2, Lee E-shan; 3, Chan Kwok-kin. Distance, 12 ft 6 in. Obstacle Race (Senior)—Wong Kam-chuen; 2, N. M. Middle—1, J. Macaulay; 2, P. Yew; 3, J. Ramsey; 4, Tan Kok-ling. Junior—1, P. Muford; 2, Ng Luen-tuk; 3, Chan Kwok-kin. Shot-put (Senior)—1, Wong Ching-ling; 2, S. Hall; 3, Ip Cheng-ling. Distance, 23 ft 2 in. Tug-of-war—1, Brown House; 2, Green House. Club Relay—1, Yellow; 2, Blue; 3, Green.

Pls Gained by Club—Yellow, 107; Blue, 103; Green, 80; Brown, 72.

The following events were decided last week:

Cross Country (Senior)—1, C. Trux; 2, D. Trux; 3, J. Macaulay. Middle—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, W. Newbern; 3, B. Lim. Junior—1, P. Muford; 2, Lee E-shan. Mile (Senior)—1, C. Trux; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, D. Trux. Time, 8.30. Middle—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time, 8.41. 880 yards (Senior)—1, J. Macaulay; 2, C. Trux; 3, Hui Yuanyu. Time, 2.21 2/5. Middle—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time, 3. Throwing the cricket ball (Senior)—1, J. Macaulay; 2, S. Hall; 3, Hui Yuanyu. Distance, 74 yds 6 in.

### Rugby

## R.A. To Meet M'sex To-day

The following will represent Royal Artillery against 1st Bn The Middlesex Regt in an Army Rugby League match at Bookunpo, to-day, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.:  
Lieut Fairclough (5th A.A.); Gnr Eastwood (5th A.A.); Gnr Sutcliffe (5th A.A.); Gnr Gooble (12th A.A.); Capt. Richards (5th Coast Regt); Captain Skipworth (5th Coast Regt); Gnr Dobbinson (5th A.A.); Gnr Cook (11th Coast Regt); 2/Lt Wedderburn (5th A.A.); L/Dur Clark (5th A.A.); Gnr Turner (5th Coast Regt); L/Dur Pain (12th Coast Regt); Sgt Page (5th A.A.); 2/Lt Edmond (12th Coast Regt); and Bdr McDermott (5th Coast Regt).

### Badminton Championships

## Junior and Mixed Doubles Matches at King's College

THREE MATCHES in the Junior Doubles Badminton Championship and one in the Mixed Doubles were played at King's College last night. The results were:

### JUNIOR DOUBLES

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chut beat E. A. H. Alves and P. P. Botelho 15-15, 15-10.

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat J. Hool and T. B. Teoh 15-6, 15-11.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano 15-2, 15-5.

### MIXED DOUBLES

P. Wong and Miss O. Ribeiro beat E. and Mrs Zimmerman 15-0, 15-4.

As indicated by the scores, the first game of the doubles was the most exciting. Rallies were on several occasions prolonged, but more often than not the decision fell to the first named who were quicker and more accurate.

Pereira and Xavier had the measure of Hool and Teoh from the start. They had an easy time in the first set, but in the second, when the losers had somewhat recovered, play was more even and the rallies more prolonged.

But in the third junior game, Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were for the superior in both combination and execution of shots. B. Gosano strove hard, if not to avoid defeat then to make a better match of it, but received weak support from Yvanovich.

### Mixed Doubles

THERE was only one player in the Mixed Doubles, and that was P. H. Wong, last year's triple champion. He dominated in all the rallies. The Zimmerns were never given the opportunity of settling down, for right from the start Wong had the shuttle flying from one side of the court to the other.

Misunderstandings, however, played their part in the Zimmerns' defeat. Several shots dropping to the short fore-court were not attempted. Mrs Zimmerman, who with Miss D. Eardley is tipped for the women's doubles, had little to do, but on the other side of the net, Miss Ribeiro gave Wong considerable support.

### To-day's Programme

#### (AT RECREIO)

#### Junior Doubles

7 p.m.—L. J. Anderson and W. Gilles v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung.

#### Junior Singles

7.45 p.m.—R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo.

8.30 p.m.—T. S. Young v. J. Tsang.

#### Mixed Doubles

9.15 p.m.—E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v. H. E. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley.

### Inter-School Sports

The heats of the Inter-School Athletic Sports will be held at Caroline Hill at 2 p.m. to-day. The finals will take place on Friday.

### SPORTS ADVT.

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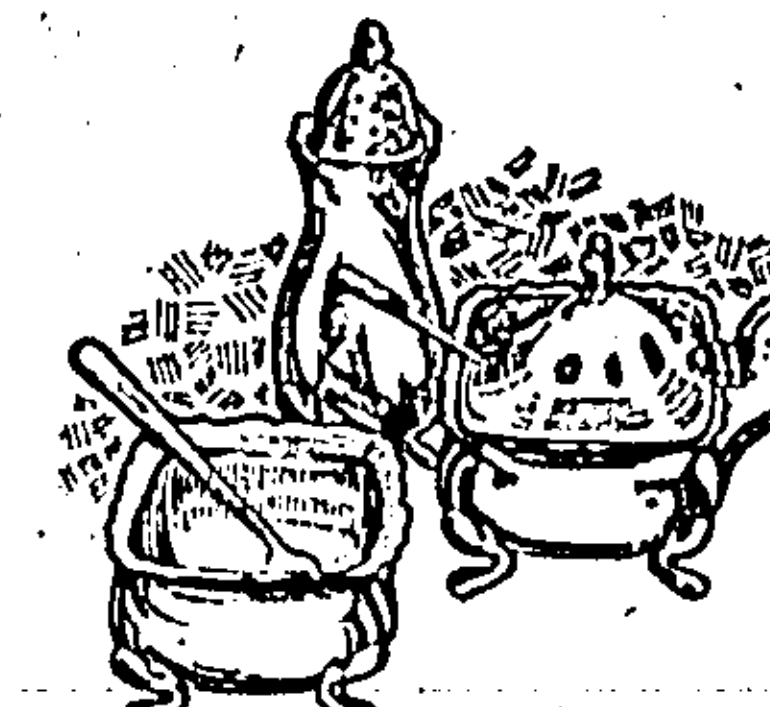
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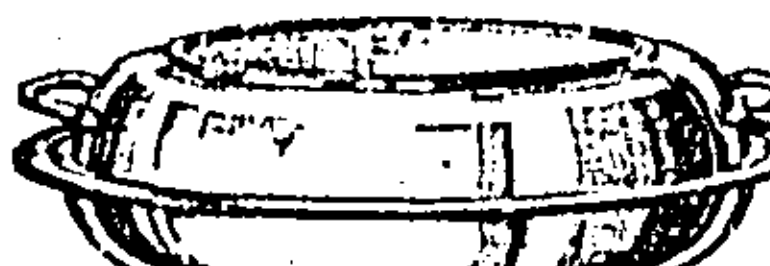
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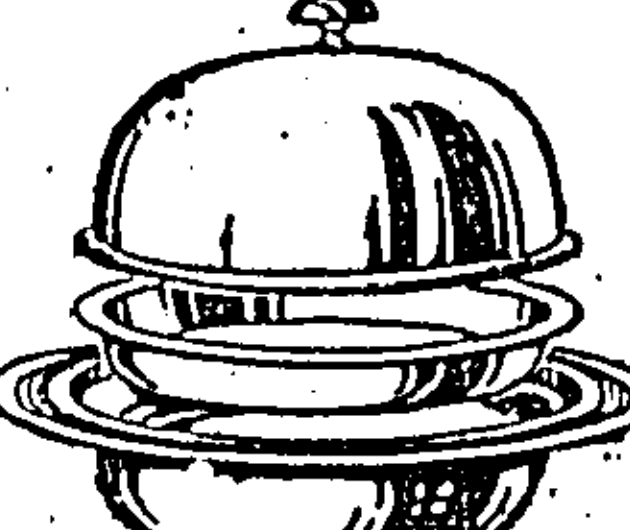
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## Bank Of Canton's Net Profit

The annual general meeting of the Bank of Canton, Limited, was held at the Company's registered offices, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, on Saturday.

In the absence of Mr T. V. Soong, Chairman, Mr H. O. Tong presided and read the Directors' report which stated that the net profit for the year, including \$55,778 brought forward from last year, amounted to \$2,104,000.90. From this sum the Directors had set aside \$1,300,000 and \$120,370.12 respectively to increase the General Reserve to \$2,000,000 and the Reserve for Depreciation of Bank Buildings to \$620,370.12. The Bank building thus stood in the books at only \$1,500,000.

After making these reservations, there was a sum of \$755,684 available for appropriation which the Directors recommended be dealt with as follows:

## CONCERT FOR SCHOOLS

The third concert of the Hongkong Schools' Musical Association will be held to-day at 5.30 p.m. at the Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon. The concert is arranged by the Very Rev. Father Rignall with choral items by the Choir of St Joseph's Church, Garden Road. There will also be piano solos by Miss Caroline Braga and piano duets by Miss Braga and Mrs E. Brown.

Dividends on First Preference Shares at 12 per cent., on Second Preference Shares at four per cent., and Ordinary Shares at four per cent., \$470,448; Bonus to members of the Subscription Committee, \$31,400.00; Directors Fees, \$2,750; Bonus to Directors and Staff, \$165,783.01; leaving a balance of \$79,203.41 to be carried forward to the Profit and Loss Account for 1941.

The report and accounts were adopted and Messrs Lowe Dingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors.

## Bremen Reported In Flames

London, Mar. 17. The crack German liner Bremen has been blazing since yesterday and all efforts to extinguish the fire have failed, states the German Official News Agency.

According to the Nord Deutscher Lloyd, the fire broke out on board. Its cause has not been ascertained.

It is believed that the liner was hit during the R.A.F. raid on the ship-yards of Hamburg and Bremen last Thursday night.

The Bremen is a liner of 50,000 tons, and it will be recalled, passed the British submarine Salmon in the North Sea on her return to Germany from America. The Salmon was not able to fire a torpedo owing to the international regulations which prevented her from attacking the ship in neutral waters.—Reuter Bulletin.

## Popular Civil Servant Married Yesterday

RAYS of sunshine were a happy omen for the picturesque wedding which took place at St John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Miss Katherine Ellinor Collie became the bride of Mr John Barrow. The Rev. A. P. Rose officiated, and Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The bride, who is a nursing sister at Queen Mary Hospital, is the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Anderson Collie, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Her gown of heavy white satin was fashioned with a high waisted draped bodice which buttoned down the back, and sleeves that were long and fitted. The full skirt ended in a short train at the back. A long circular, embroidered tulle veil was held in position by a crown of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of tuber-roses. The ensemble was made by Eunice.

The Principal Matron of Queen Mary Hospital, Miss Alice Mary Davies, acted as Maid-of-Honour and wore a smart ankle-length frock of blue-green. Her black hat was trimmed with pink roses, which flowers, mixed with larkspur, composed her bouquet.

The two bridesmaids were the Misses Dorothy Baker and Muriel Fidler, who wore charming shepherdess frocks of soft white organdie embroidered with sham-rock. The full skirts were looped at the hem and worn over white net and lace petticoats. Long white kid gloves offset the short puffed sleeves. Their large white Banquet straw hats were trimmed with Irish green velvet ribbon with long streamers tied under the chin. Their bouquets of white marguerites and scarlet geraniums were tied with Irish green velvet ribbons.

**Bridegroom's Career**  
The bridegroom is the son of Major-General H. F. W. Barrow, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs Barrow, of Epsom, England. A member of the Colonial Administrative Service, the bridegroom came to Hongkong in February, 1927. Two years later he was appointed Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in March, and Fourth Assistant Colonial Secretary in May. In November that year he became Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, and in January, 1931, he was appointed Secretary to His Excellency the Governor. He was again Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in June, 1930.

In November, 1931, Mr Barrow was attached to the District Office, North. The following year he acted as Private Secretary to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government from May to November. He passed his Law Examination in December that year and was appointed Police Magistrate and First Clerk of the Hongkong Magistracy.

In May 1933 he became Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, and the following year was Assistant Superintendent of the Department during May. Before going on leave in September, 1935, he became, in addition, Acting District Officer, South. On his return from leave in October, 1936, he was appointed District Officer, North.

Lieut.-Col. G. R. Kidd, of the 2/14th Punjab Regiment, gave the bride away, while Mr Ian Philip Tarnworth undertook the duties of best man.

The reception was held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Afterwards Mrs Barrow changed into a pretty grey woollen suit with black accessories, and a silver fox fur, with a corsage of white orchids for dramatic accent.

## Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,602,370.84 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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The Committee of the British War Organisation Fund are most grateful to the St. Paul's of the Hongkong Jockey Club for their most generous donation of \$30,000.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says. The usual Monday lullitude pervaded the market, though towards the close a few stocks were enquired for.

**Buyers**  
Bank of East Asia \$70  
Union Ins. \$425  
Wharves \$95  
Provisional R.D. \$5.05  
Humphreys \$0.70  
Lights "O" \$6.20  
Electric "O" \$41  
Electric "N" \$40.90  
Macao Electric "O" \$17.00  
Telephones "O" \$24  
Watsons \$10.75  
**Sellers**  
Trams \$10.75  
Telephones \$24.50  
**Sales**  
Wharves \$94  
Hotels \$3.20  
Lights "O" \$6.25  
Dairy Farms \$18  
Watsons \$10.75

## Admiral Decoux Not Resigning

Salon, Mar. 17. A government spokesman to-day officially denied the Tokyo report that the Governor-General Admiral Decoux, would be removed because Vichy accused him of being insufficiently anti-de Gaulle.

On the contrary, the spokesman declared, Admiral Decoux had that morning received a telegram from Vichy thanking him for his actions during the Tokyo negotiations.—United Press.

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## RETAKEING OF BERBERA

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Africa will be available for employment where they can best be utilized.

**Supply Route Open**

CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—With the recapture of Berbera, another threat to Addis Ababa is developing, a British spokesman stated here this evening.

Empire troops are now steadily closing on the heart of the Italian Empire from 13 points.

The recapture of Berbera, the spokesman added, is also expected to ease the supply problem considerably. It is recalled here that when the Italians entered Berbera in August, 1940, Rome radio proclaimed that the collapse of the British Empire was inevitable, and that the Red Sea had been closed to the Royal Navy.

It is not yet possible to say whether the British successes on the Keren front are a prelude to an offensive or part of the steady fighting which has been going on for six weeks, but "Reuter" is told: "Things are boiling up at Keren again."

## ARMED U.S. AID FOR BRITAIN

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Mr. Sidney Hillman, Miss Perkins, the Secretary of Labour, and other officials.

### Strong Words

Opening the conference, Mr. Knudsen said: "We have not to go into production in America on a scale never approached before. Our need for ships and propulsion machinery for ships, tanks and planes is so great that upon you rests the responsibility of training more people in the shortest possible time in order to meet the deliveries sorely needed here and abroad."

Mr. Knudsen urged ship-builders specifically to "give every skilled man three helpers to learn his work."

## Bomber Captured

LONDON, Mar. 17 (British Wire).—The only Italian bomber to fly over Nairobi, states the Air Ministry, did so the other day, piloted by a South African Air Force pilot.

The Caproni, a three-engine monoplane, had been flown 650 miles from Mogadiscio, where it was left by the Italians in the process of overhaul when they made their hurried departure.

## Large Units Cricket Tournay

The semi-final of the Large Units Cricket Tournament between Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery will be played at Sookunpoo to-morrow afternoon. The winners will meet the Combined Small Units in the final on Thursday, March 27, at Sookunpoo.

## Navy Fifteen

The following will represent Navy against Club "A" at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. to-morrow:

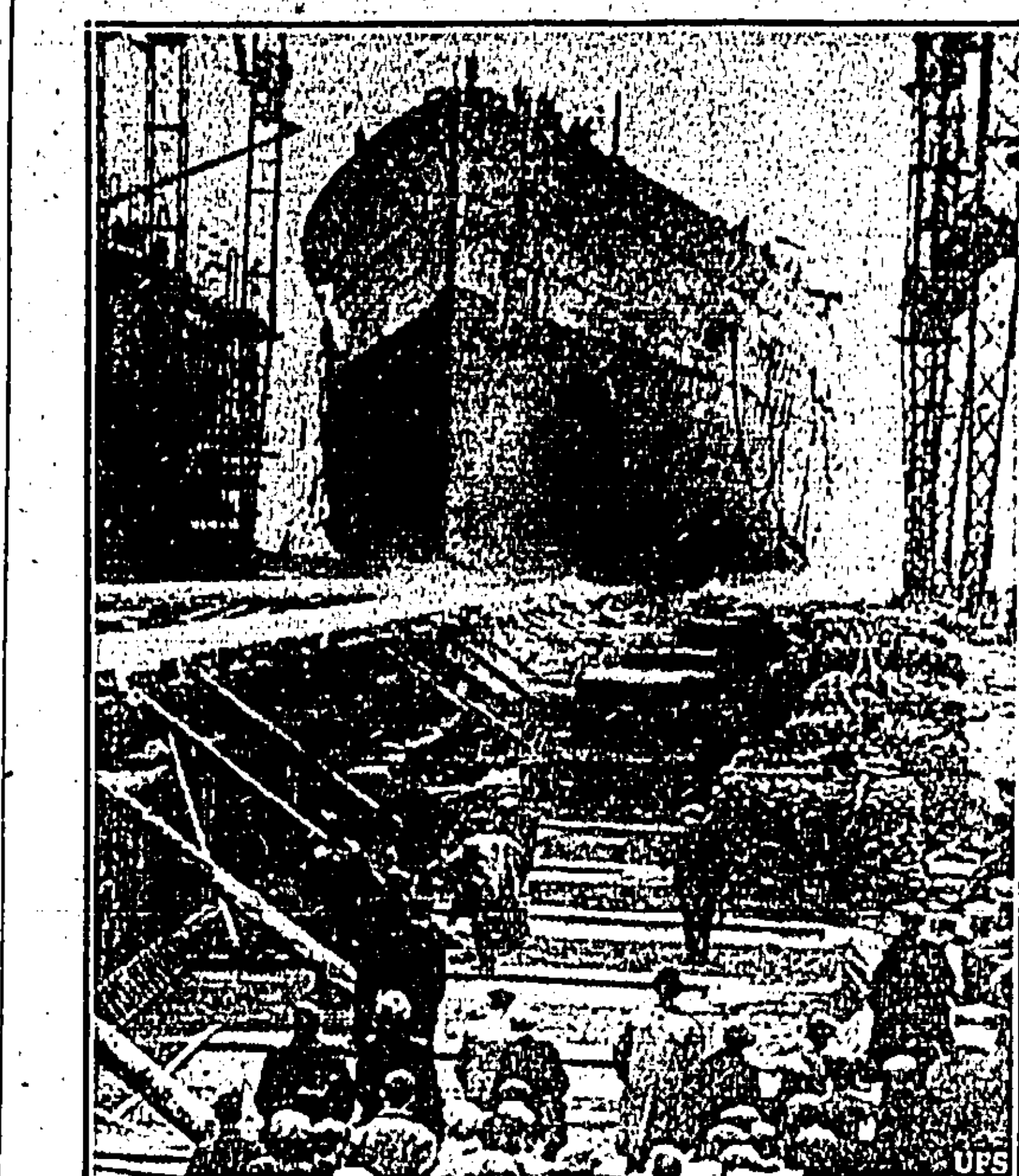
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## Civil Service Team

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior League cricket match against Police on Saturday:

H. E. Strange (Capt), G. Alnall, J. Barrow, J. Davidson, P. E. Lawrence, T. Leckhart, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson.

## LATE NEWS



BRITAIN'S NEW BATTLER — New British battleship, Duke of York, takes to water at Clydeside, Scotland. She's the 35,000-ton kind and was christened recently by Queen Elizabeth.

## Training Dutch Army In Canada

The red, white and blue flag of the Netherlands is now flying with the British flag over the Princess Juliana Barracks at Stratford, now the headquarters of the Royal Netherlands Army in Canada, officially opened recently.

The work of training several hundreds of men who have been called up in Canada and the United States by Royal Netherlands decree to fight for freedom will be carried on there, at the rate of about 300 each six weeks' period of training.

The barracks has been leased by the Netherlands from the Canadian Government, and a group of non-commissioned and commissioned officers are in residence there.

Officer commanding the centre is Lieut. Col. G. J. Sas, who until the Netherlands invasion was military attache in Berlin, and is now head of the Netherlands Military Mission in Canada. Training of the groups will be completed with the Royal Netherlands Army in England. The latter retains its separate identity apart from the British Army, but actively co-operates, he explained.

## GERMAN CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 17 (UP).—The official news agency reports that German torpedo planes last Sunday attacked a strong British naval force 40 kilometres west of Grete, making direct torpedo hits on two battleships which were, for a long time, enveloped in black smoke clouds. The British squadron consisted of two battleships, six cruisers and several destroyers.

## Eminent Indian Passes

LAHORE, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Sir Mohamed Hyat Khan Noon, father of the Indian High Commissioner in London. Sir Mohamed was knighted in 1935. He was a member of the Council of State and formerly Commissioner at Lahore. He was presented with a sword of honour at the Provincial Durbar for his recruiting services during the war.

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**Thyssen's Fate**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Mar. 17 (UP).—As far as can be ascertained, Herr Fritz Thyssen, the well known German industrialist, is still in German hands at an unknown place after the French authorities, last December, had taken him from Cannes to Vichy.

**MR MATSUOKA**

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has arrived at the Russian frontier station of Otpor, states a message to the German official news agency. He is on his way to Berlin.

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# RETAKEING OF BERBERA TRAPS ITALIANS IN WHOLE OF E. AFRICA

Special to the "Telegraph"  
LONDON, MAR. 17 (UP).—THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, MEANS THAT THE BRITISH HAVE TRAPPED THE ITALIANS IN ERITREA, ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND ABYSSINIA.

## U-BOATS' NEW WAR ZONE To Operate Off New York

Special to the "Telegraph"  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—The United States has been informed that Germany plans to start submarine operations off the United States coast near New York.

## Footballer Acquitted Adjudged Not Drunk In First Division Match

Charged with having been drunk while playing in the First Division football match between Royal Scots and Middlesex at Wokingham on March 11, Private David Fleming, Royal Scots, was found not guilty by a Military Court at Murray Barracks this morning.

The Court comprised Major J. M. Browning, Rajput Regiment, Capt. A.O.G. Mills, Royal Artillery, and Lieut. R. W. H. Widdoway, Middlesex. Prosecuting Officer was Capt. H. C. Harland, Royal Scots, and Defending Officer was Lieut. C. R. Jones, Royal Scots.

In submitting that Defendant had no case to answer, Lieut. Jones said that although the prosecution had supplied witnesses who under oath had said that Defendant appeared to be drunk on the field of play, no action had been taken against him until he was injured late in the second half of the match. The opportunity was then taken to arrest Defendant.

**Evidence Reviewed**  
Lieut. Jones said that Major B. D.E. Barclay, R.A.M.C., had said in evidence that a layman could not judge from appearance whether a man was drunk and he would imagine that a man in severe neuralgic pain would play very bad football. Major Barclay had also said, when cross-examined, that a man in severe neuralgic pain would by his actions give others the impression that he was drunk. Others including Major J. D. Fraser, R.A.M.C., who treated Fleming after the match for a knee injury, testified that Fleming's condition appeared normal.

The Defending Officer concluded by pointing out that no action had been taken by the referee against Fleming in the course of the football match.

The Court acquitted Fleming after a short retirement.

**Food For France  
Exmouth Leaves U.S.**  
JERSEY CITY, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The steamship Exmouth sailed to-day for Marseilles loaded to its top-decks with an American Red Cross cargo of food, clothing, medicines and surgical supplies to the value of \$1,250,000.

Three hundred tons of oatmeal and farina remained on the quayside as the British refused to allow it through the blockade.

There were no passengers. The clearance granted by Britain and Germany for March 7 was delayed because Italy needed more time to notify her naval units.

**BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ISTANBUL, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is reliably reported that almost all of the British troops sent to Greece were landed at Piræus and have been transported to Salonika and elsewhere by railway.

## Italians Rush Up More Men

**Albanian Situation**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ATHENS, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is reported that the Italians are bringing up fresh troops to reinforce the decimated 11th Army. This may forecast the renewal of the offensive in which the Italian dead, wounded and prisoners, according to the spokesman, are estimated at 30,000.

He estimated the Italian prisoners to be 4,000. Two hundred Italians had amputation performed in Greek hospitals as the result of frostbite and will be returned to Italy under international agreement.

**Italians Tired**  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The Italians on the Albanian front are showing signs of exhaustion after the crushing of their big offensive last week, according to the Athens radio.

Only artillery fire was reported from the central sector to-day. On Saturday, the Italians launched two relatively small attacks which were easily repulsed and a further attack on Sunday morning was also disposed of without difficulty.

**Achievements In Air**  
ATHENS, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—After quoting the achievements of the R.A.F. at Tirana on Sunday, the Athens radio announcer said that during last week 39 Italian aircraft were shot down and destroyed in air battles with Allied aircraft.

Seventeen others were severely damaged and at least 15 more were destroyed on the ground in enemy aerodromes.

Three British aircraft only were lost, the pilots of two of these returning safely.

**Eire Wants Wheat From America**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
DUBLIN, Mar. 17 (UP).—In his St. Patrick's Day broadcast to America, Mr. Eamon De Valera revealed that Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister of Co-ordination and Defence is enroute to the United States to make an attempt to buy tens of thousands of tons of wheat to avert a complete breakdown of the bread supplies in Eire.

**Hitler's Speech Not To Affect U.S. Policy**  
Special to the "Telegraph"  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—An authorised spokesman of the State Department said to-day that there was nothing in Hitler's remarks that had changed or would have any effect on the policy of the United States as expressed by President Roosevelt last Saturday night.

He indicated that Hitler's speech was not specially directed at the United States, hence it could not be expected to have any influence or reaction here.

Unofficial sources, however, believe that Hitler's assurance of confidence in victory were designed partly to suggest doubt to the United States of the wisdom of President Roosevelt's

The Admiralty announced last week that the small strait of Bab-el-Mandeb had been mined, closing the outlet to the Italians in Eritrea.

With the British holding the key ports in Italian and British Somalilands, the Italians there and also those in Abyssinia are isolated.

The recapture of Berbera also means it will be easier for the British to supply their forces harassing Dire-dawa, Jijiga and Harrar.

It is understood that the British encountered only slight opposition at Berbera where they took a number of prisoners. It is recalled that British troops evacuated the capital last August after fighting a delaying action in face of overwhelmingly superior Italian forces.

**Armoured Cars of R.A.F.**  
CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Not only R.A.F. bombers and fighters but R.A.F. armoured cars went into action with the military and navy in the successful assault on Berbera. The part played by the R.A.F. is described in an additional communiqué issued from the Middle East Headquarters. The communiqué says: "Enemy aerodromes were heavily raided throughout the previous night and during the day, a particularly heavy attack being made on Dire-dawa aerodrome, and R.A.F. armoured cars took part in the capture of the town."

The communiqué adds that there were no R.A.F. casualties.

**Convoyed By Warships**  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the landing force at Berbera was conveyed by warships. Machine-gun and artillery fire was encountered from the beach but was quickly overcome by the warships' guns. About 100 prisoners have been counted so far and others are coming in. It is understood that the British casualties were negligible.

**Significance of Berbera**  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—With the recapture of Berbera, the only port in British Somaliland has been wrested from the Italian grasp. This operation by a joint naval and military force means a new threat to the Italian bases of Harar and Dire-dawa.

Italy's only remaining channel to the sea from Abyssinia is the route via Asmara and Massawa, apart from the French-controlled line to Djibuti. There is no possibility of reinforcements reaching the sorely-tried armies of the Duke of Aosta in East Africa.

The latest news from Keren suggests that British pressure is being intensified and victory at Keren will lay open the whole of Eritrea.

Once the last shreds of Italian resistance have been overpowered, the TURN to Back Page, Column 3

**Nazi Designs On S. America**  
Warning By Col. Knox  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BALTIMORE, Mar. 17 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, in a speech here to-day declared that Germany will invade South America with her colonists if she is victorious.

He said, "What will happen if the Axis Powers win a complete victory? With Hitler in control of Europe he will dominate all its trade. Our greatest market, Great Britain, will be gone.

"South America with its natural European market will be invaded by Axis colonists and developed methodically with true German efficiency. This colonisation will be followed by Nazi political conquests and later by military domination. Invasion of the last outpost against world domination under Dictatorships will have begun. Once entrenched, Totalitarianism will spread like a plague."



NEWS ITEM: Mussolini awards Italy's highest decoration to three entire regiments for gallantry in Albania. With acknowledgments to "P.M."

## Collapse Of Nazi Military Machine

**Senator's Prediction**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Walter F. George, to-day predicted that the German military machine will collapse through disaffection among the conquered populations when Britain attains equality with Germany in the air.

He said that Germany's far-flung battle line "daily becomes more extended," and every victory immobilizes a section of the army to occupy the territory.

"Let England but attain air equality with Germany and the conquered populations of Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium will give Hitler trouble which will mean his eventual collapse," Senator George declared.

**France Awaits Leader**  
He asserted that unoccupied France is only "awaiting a leader" to again assert herself and take her rightful position among nations. He declared that at present, only military leaders have presented themselves who are "not men who can lift fallen France."

"I cannot believe that France is so completely crushed that she won't offer resistance. However, if she is, she must be prepared to remain in the category of a second rate nation," the Senator concluded.

**Shai Remittance**  
SHANGHAI, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Thanks largely to a last-minute effort, the required sum of £10,000 for the month ending March 15 was again raised by the British War Fund and remitted to the Treasury in London.

This remittance brings the total remitted to date to £122,000.

## RICE SITUATION IN HONGKONG

By A Staff Representative

Reports current that the Government had suffered considerable financial loss as the result of deterioration of grain stored under the Rice Control Scheme were denied this morning by Mr F. C. Barry, Controller of Rice.

Explaining that Government, under the scheme, was not an importer or a merchant, and had no financial responsibility beyond levying a duty of 12 cents per picul on all rice imports and paying out a pro rata subsidy of 18 cents per picul monthly on all stocks held in obliged reserve, Mr Barry stated that Government would not be liable for compensation for any damage to or loss of reserve stocks except as the result of "enemy action, riots or civil commotion."

The financial commitments, so far as they affect the levy and the subsidy, were completely satisfactory from the official position, declared Mr Barry. As the levy of 12 cents is being made on all imports, irrespective of whether the rice goes into reserve or is re-exported by merchants, the receipts from this source are in excess of the amount paid out in subsidies.

**Deterioration**  
Asked if any deterioration in the stocks held in reserve had been discovered, the Rice Controller said a certain amount of deterioration was unavoidable, but Government was not responsible for compensation should stocks go bad in the normal way. A large part of the duties of his inspectors, he said, consisted of frequent checking of stocks, and it was their object to see that as little deteriorated grain as possible was held in storage.

Mr Barry said that, in the ordinary course of things, rice would keep in perfectly good condition in this climate for five or six months. He revealed that experiments carried out by the authorities, with air conditioning, showed that rice would keep for as long as two years.

Questioned as to whether or not he had discovered that releases of good quality rice had in some instances been replaced with broken (low quality) grain, Mr Barry said he had discovered all sorts of things, but emphasised that the reserve TURN to Back Page, Column 5

**U.S. Requires Several Strategical Materials**  
Special to the "Telegraph"  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—Reliable Government sources told the "United Press" to-day that defence officials have submitted to the Maritime Commission a list of about 60 important materials and commodities, obtained in Latin America, the Far East and elsewhere, which must be given preference in United States cargo vessels.

They said the list includes all the items which the army and navy regard as critical, as well as about 20 other items the importance of which the Government regards as essential under the present emergency.

Informed quarters said the Government is evolving a large scale programme to conserve space and to organise the shipping routes. One reliable source said that plans for a drastic reorganisation will be disclosed soon. The strategic materials include manganese, Manila fibre, rubber, tin and tungsten.

**Need More Stocks**  
NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (UP).—The Director of Mines, Dr. R. R. Sayers to-day advised Mr Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, that although domestic stocks of mercury and antimony are adequate, the lack of tin, tungsten and other strategic minerals necessitates the building up of stocks as an insurance against halting shipments.

## British Firms Are Victimised

**Intolerable Conditions Up The Yangtse**  
HANKOW, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—British subjects' interests in Ichang are suffering seriously from unpleasant restrictions and virtual boycott, particularly in matters of obtaining requisite funds and necessary supplies, including foodstuffs, which they are not allowed to buy from Japanese shops.

This was revealed at the annual general meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce by the Chairman, Mr D. B. Tait, who said that British business in Hankow in 1940 had experienced another year of "facing a blank wall of prohibited trade."

Mr Tait declared that the Japanese military authorities in Ichang "continued to interfere with British interests by forcible seizure of cargo contained in them despite the most vigorous representations of their own authorities and the highest quarters."

"Whilst it is true that the British craft affected have so far been returned to their powerless owners following the forcible removal of all cargo, it is impossible to find justification for the perpetration of TURN to Back Page, Column 3

**LATEST**  
**Japanese Troops Enter Kaoan**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ON THE KIANGSI FRONT, Mar. 18 (Domel).—Four detachments of the Japanese forces which have been smashing stubborn enemy resistance since yesterday morning entered the castle of Kaoan, vital Chinese stronghold about 60 miles southwest of Nanchang, at dawn to-day, and subsequently continued their operation in pursuit of the Chinese troops.

**Mine Disaster**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SAPPORO, Mar. 18 (Domel).—There was a big explosion 1,600 metres deep into the sixth layer of the Mitsubishi Coal Mine at Bhai in Sorachi, Hokkaido, about 2.30 this morning. Rescue squads were immediately organized and by half past nine, 93 out of 261 workers entombed had been rescued and four bodies recovered. Rescue operations are continuing.



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## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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Merchandise	214 n.
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Merchandise C. & D.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

### INSURANCES

Canlons	215 n.
Union	425 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 n.

### SHIPPING

Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	9 n.
Indo-Chinas P.	60 n.
Indo-Chinas D.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers)	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	4 n.
Docks (old)	10 1/2 n.
Docks (new)	10 n.
Providence	5.10 n.
Shanghai Dockyards	20 1/2 n.

### MINING

Kellan	17 1/2 n.
Raubas	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/2 n.

### LANDS

Hotel	3.20 n.
Lands	3.15 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shanghai Lands	12.40 n.
Humphreys	6.70 n.
H.K. Realities	3 1/4 n.
Chinese Estates	8 n.

### UTILITIES

Trams	10 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	0 1/2 n.
China Lights (new)	1.07 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	41 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	40 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17.50 n.
Macao Electric (new)	16 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	8 n.

### INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$30.30 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$25.25 n.
Carlin Ice	1 n.
Cement	17.10 n.
H.K. Ropes	8.15 n.

### STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms	10 n.
Watsons	10 1/2 n.
Lane Crayfords	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.00 n.

### COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. Sh.	44 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	185 n.

### MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSbds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 n.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	7.70 n.
Vibro Piling	7 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	7/8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	2/8 n.



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

### NOTICE

#### DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post  
China and Macao  
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign  
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph  
China and Macao  
14 cents per copy  
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign  
20 cents per copy  
25 cents Saturdays.

## COLLISION

### Police Launch Meets Yaumati Ferry

No. 6 Police launch was involved in a collision with the Yaumati ferry Man Tak near the northern entrance to the Yaumati typhoon shelter yesterday. The Police launch suffered some damage to her bows. Nobody was injured.

### Eminent Indian Passes

LAHORE, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Sir Mohamed Hyat Khan Noon, father of the Indian High Commissioner in London. Sir Mohamed was knighted in 1935. He was a member of the Council of State and formerly Commissioner at Lahore. He was presented with a sword of honour at the Provincial Durbar for his recruiting services during the war.

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### NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 'Hongkong currency, part of the 'undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members 'holding shares of the Company 'as on the first day of April 'One thousand nine hundred 'and forty-one in respect of the 'net amount capitalised fully 'paid shares of the Company 'of equivalent nominal value in 'the proportion of one share for 'every three shares of the Company held by them respectively 'and that such shares so allotted 'shall rank for dividends as 'from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person 'would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

### NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

### THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary and Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

## YUGO-SLAVIA'S FIRM STAND

### Nazis Meet With Set-Back

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—There are authentic indications that German plans met a setback in Yugo-Slavia and a first consequence has been to slow down whatever action Germany contemplated against Greece.

Germany's primary aim of securing the right of transit through the Vardar valley and, as a second alternative, of securing Yugo-Slavia's benevolent non-belligerency by joining her to the Axis pact, both seem to have been resolutely resisted.

Even a concentration of 60,000 Italian troops on the Dalmatian frontier has not made Belgrade more tractable. It will not be surprising that Germany is not disposed to act against Greece with a non-belligerent Yugo-Slavia as a potential menace to her long line of communication.

In face of this setback to the desperate Italian offensive in Albania however, Hitler must act quickly if his help is to save Mussolini from as big a disaster in Albania as he met in Libya. The Italian armies must be in a very vulnerable position after their great losses and it is only to be expected that the Greeks and the Royal Air Force will exploit the opportunities of the situation.

**British Envoy's Talk.**  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Mr Ronald Ian Campbell, the British Minister to Yugo-Slavia, had a long interview with Dr Dragisa Cvetkovich, the Yugo-Slav Premier, to-day, states a Belgrade dispatch to the German news agency.

## WRECKAGE FOUND

### Matson Freighter Sinks In Storm

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—The Coast Guard cutter Bibb reported to-day that she had picked up wreckage from the Matson Navigation Company's freighter Mahukona off Bermuda.

The Mahukona was a 2,512-ton vessel and carried a normal crew of 20 men. She was registered at San Francisco.

The Weather Bureau said she probably sank in a "pretty severe storm" which swept over the Bermuda area last Saturday.

### Radio Report

JUPITER, Fla. Mar. 17 (UP).—Mackay Radio reported that the steamer Mahukona sent out a distress call at 9 a.m. on Saturday and announced a few minutes later that the crew was abandoning ship.

A New York report said the Porto Rican liner Borinquen proceeded to the Mahukona's assistance, but Mackay Radio was unable to say whether or not she picked up any survivors.

### Death Of Colony Resident

After many months of illness, the death of Mrs. Lee Yet occurred at her residence, 31 Boundary Street, at 2.25 p.m. on Monday. Mrs. Lee was 57 years old and a widow, having come to Hongkong from Portland, Oregon, some years ago.

She leaves four sons—Harry, Victor, Howard and Daniel—and five daughters—Frances, Hazel, Ngan Doon, Mrs. Bowen Chann and Mrs. Walter Chung—to mourn her death.

Funeral service will be held in Anderson's Funeral Parlour to-morrow at 4 p.m. and the body will be cremated on Thursday, prior to sending the ashes back to America.

## MONSTER RAFFLE

Apart from the Sunbeam-Talbot Sports Car valued at \$5,950, and a beautiful yacht (\$4,000) and a Diamond and Platinum Wristlet Watch (\$3,000), there are hundreds of Prizes such as Refrigerators, Radios, a fine Morrison Piano, Diamond Jewellery, Watches, Typewriters, Movie Cameras, Wines and Spirits, Cigarettes, Coal and Flour, Steamship Tickets, Silverware, Open Orders on Local Stores, and hosts of other valuable and useful things.

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### FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for One Year or shorter periods in Local or other currencies at rates which will be quoted on application.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS also opened in Local Currency and Sterling with interest allowed at rates obtainable on application. The Bank's services in connection with the execution of Trusts and business and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid on returns which may be ascertained at any of its Agencies and Branches.

W. H. EVANS THOMAS, Manager.

## Trade Mark Judgment

\$1,000 Or Three Months

A fine of \$1,000 or three months' imprisonment was imposed on Chan Chai-sheung, manager of the Kin On Company, No. 27 Des Voeux Road, Central, in a written judgment given by Mr H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy this morning. Defendant was found guilty of violation of the Trade Marks Ordinance, by having in his possession for sale an admixture of saccharine and potash alum to which a false trade description was applied.

Defendant was further ordered to pay \$300 towards the cost of the prosecution. The original summons under the Adulteration of Foods Ordinance was dismissed owing to a technical irregularity in the legal procedure and Defendant was subsequently re-summoned under the Trade Marks Ordinance.

### Monsanto Brand

The Complainant was Mr Wong Man-heung, of Sherry and Company, sole representatives in Hongkong for Monsanto Brand saccharine which is a product of the Monsanto Chemical Company of St. Louis, U.S.A., and the Defendant was alleged to have had in his possession a number of tins containing an admixture of saccharine and potash alum which he purported to be Monsanto Brand saccharine. Mr Blake appeared for Complainant, and Mr E. C. S. Brooks for Defendant.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says. The usual Monday Institute pervaded the market, though towards the close a few stocks were enquired for.

### Buyers

Bank of East Asia	\$28
Union Ins.	\$425
Wharves	\$93
Providence	\$5.05
Humphreys	\$6.70
Lights	\$0.20
Electricity	\$1.41
Electricity	\$1.40
Macao Electric	\$17.00
Telephones	\$24
Watsons	\$10.75

### Sellers

Trams	\$10.75
Telephones	\$24.50

### Sales

Wharves	\$94
Hotels	\$3.20
Lights	\$0.25
Dairy Farms	\$18
Watsons	\$10.75

### EXHAUSTED BY FEVER?

Then read this:—

You are not out of danger when fever has subsided. The weakness it leaves behind exposes you to relapse or fresh infection. You must rebuild your worn-out body immediately and quickly.

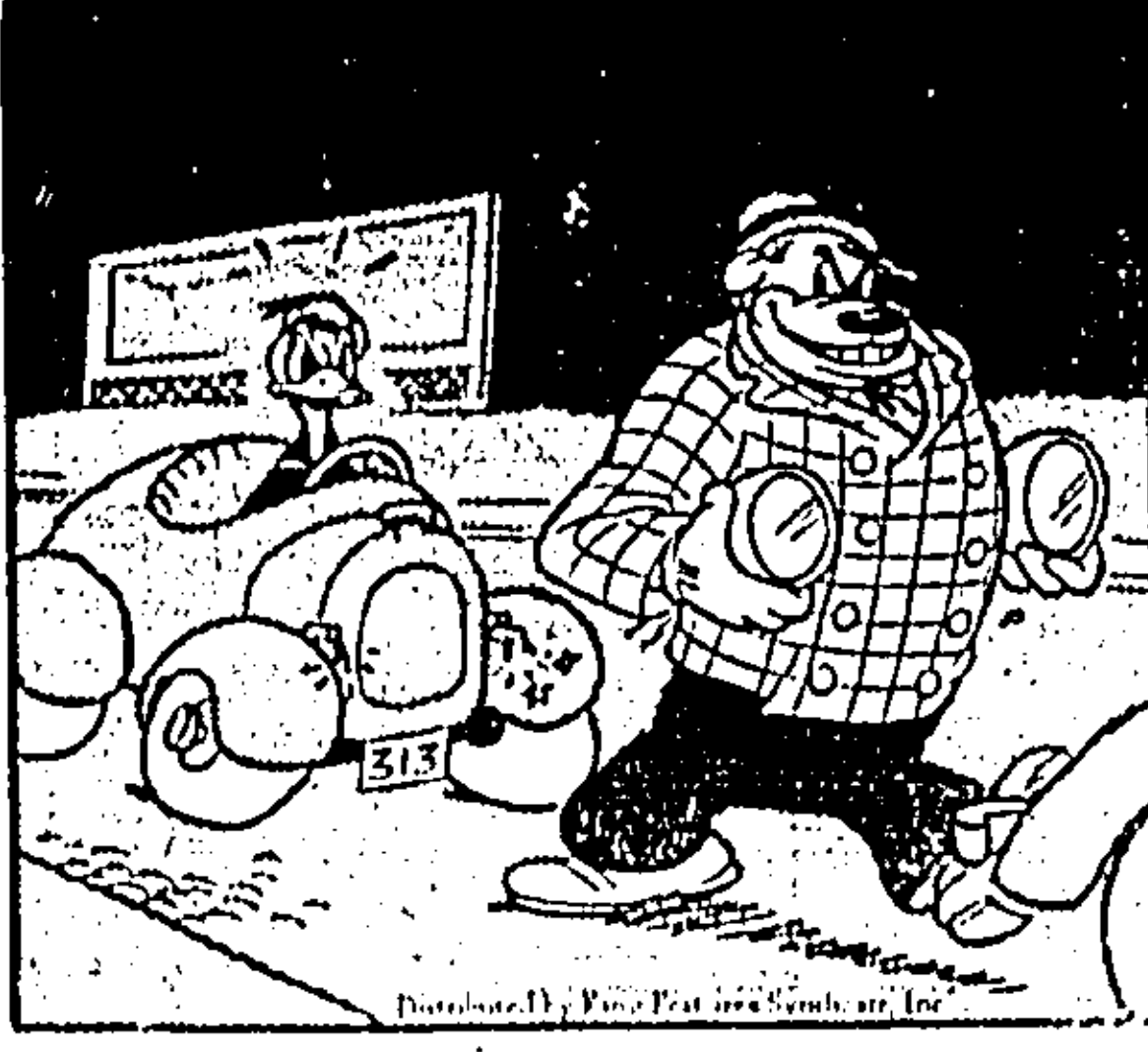
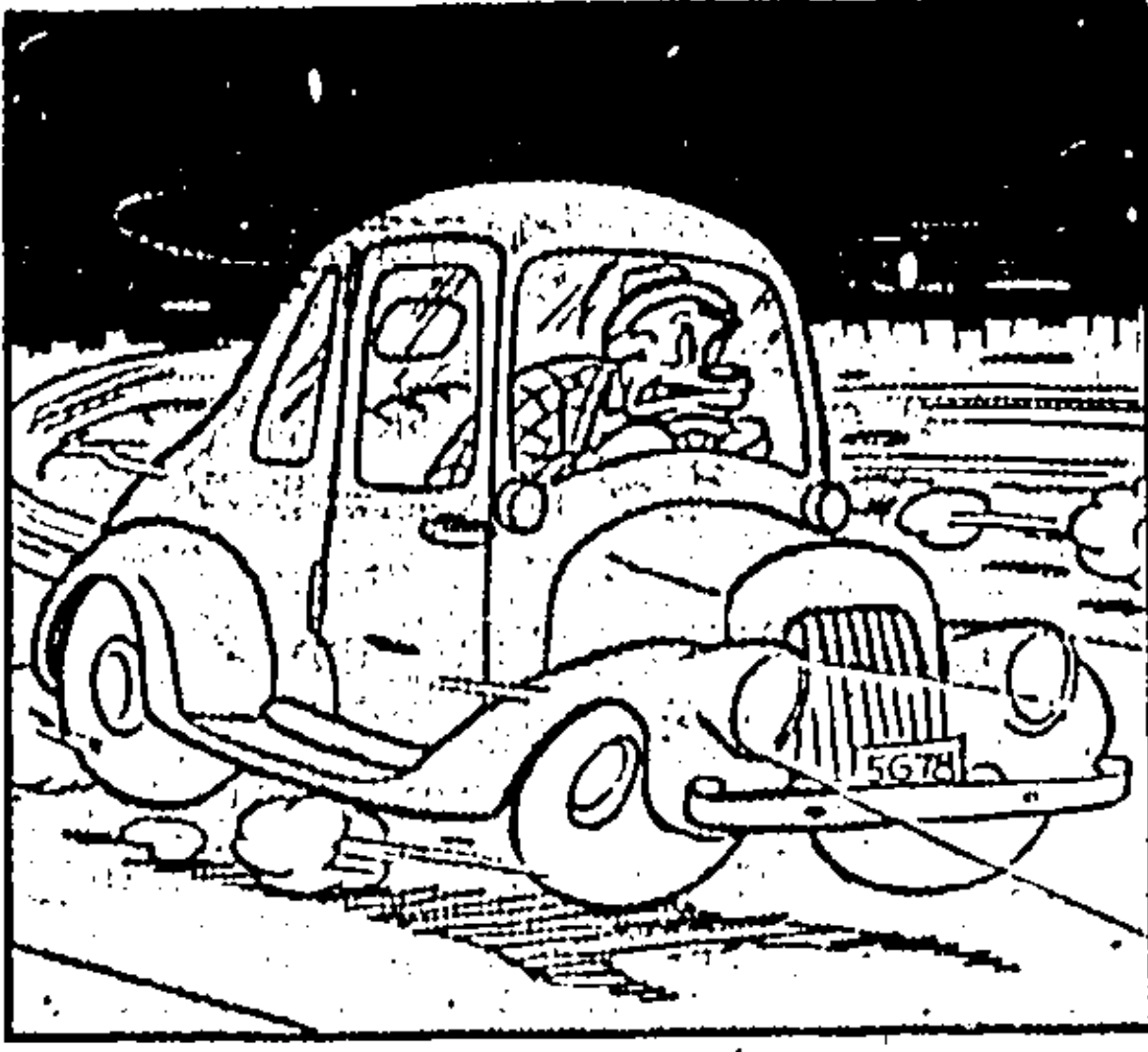
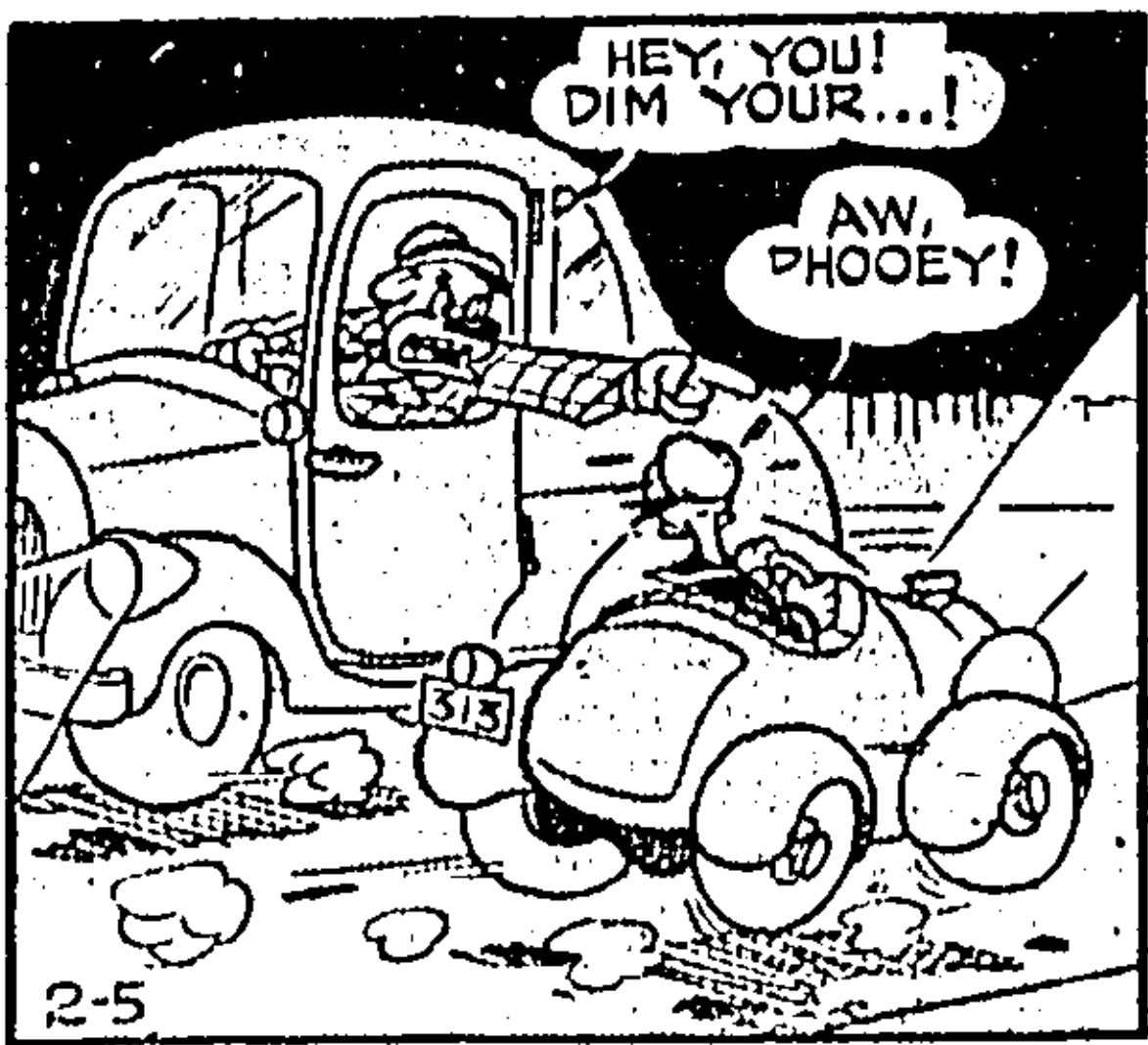
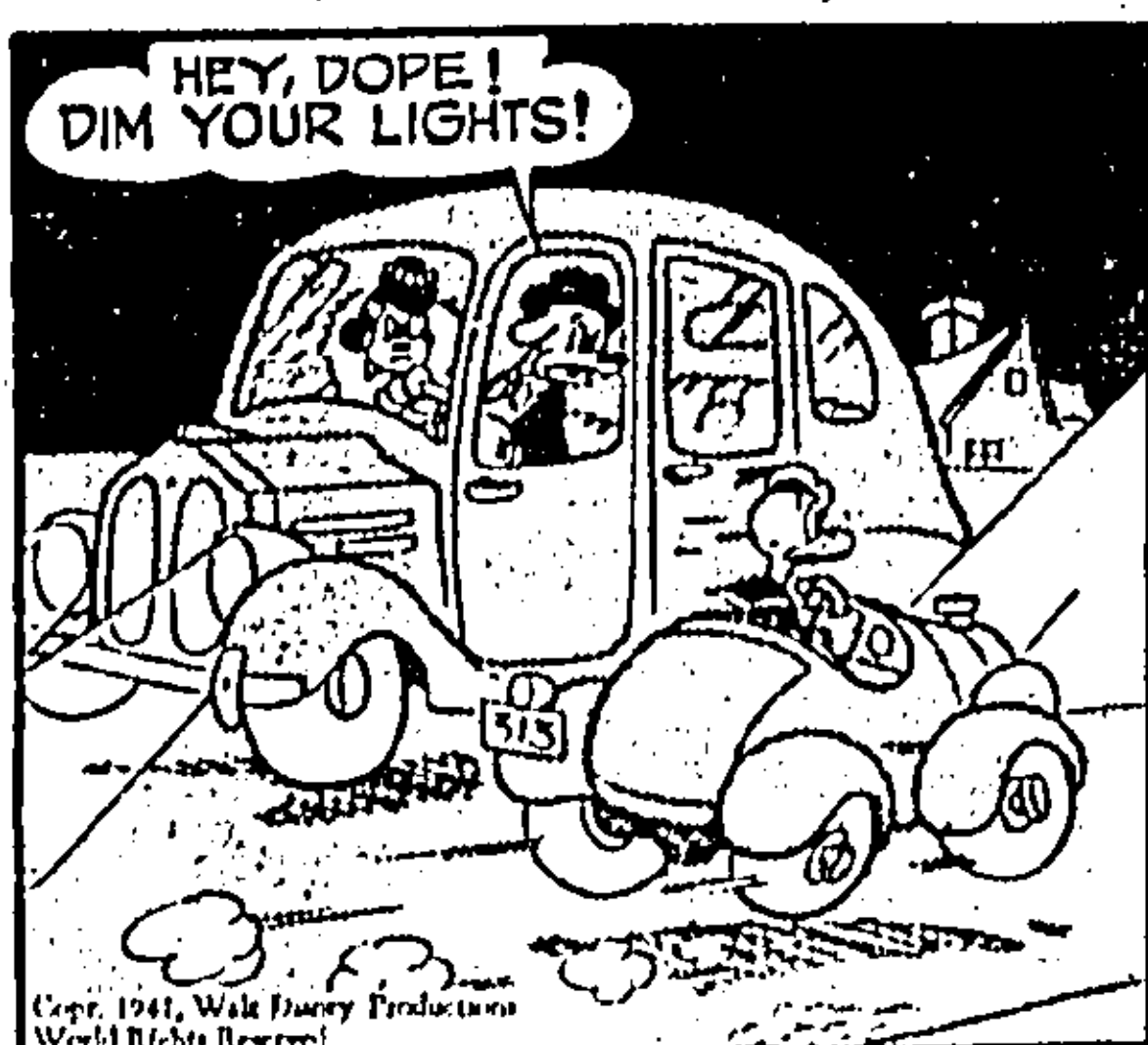
The way to do this is to find a food that soothes the enfeebled stomach and provides all the nutrition value of big, solid meals. The food very many doctors choose for their fever patients is Horlicks. It is nourishment in the most easily digested form. It repairs the damage to nerves and tissues, builds up strength, creates new vitality and helps to keep complications out of convalescence. Patients who turn against other foods are able to enjoy Horlicks. Get it to-day from your store.

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



## HITLER likes this JEW

LISBON.  
 I FOUND Dr Bloch, the seventy-one-year-old Jewish physician whom six-year-old Adolf Hitler used to call "Uncle Doctor," in a modest third floor back room of a Lisbon boarding house, where he and his wife were waiting for a boat to take them to their daughter in New York.

Ten days previously the old couple left the little Austrian town of Linz, where for the last forty-five years, Dr Bloch, as the kindly country doctor, had ministered day and night to rich and poor.

Among his patients had been the family of a humble Customs officer named Alois Hitler.

"I had wanted to take an airplane direct here from Vienna," said Dr Bloch in a quavering voice as he sat on the bed talking to me. "but the Luftwaffe men warned me that while they were prepared to give me a seat, as a great favour, on the plane, if an Aryan German came along and asked for it, I would have to give it up to him. So I preferred to go by train with the rest of the party."

He seemed to think that this was quite normal, not a matter for complaint, this wizened little Jewish doctor with the long, old-fashioned moustaches, which he is proud to tell you little Adolf used to tug.

THAT is the extraordinary thing about this Dr Bloch. Despite everything he is proud of having been family doctor to the Hitlers.

But he won't speak of Hitler's illness. "Way back before the Anschluss, a writer came and asked me about Hitler's illness. What a good thing I preserved my medical secrecy and refused to say anything. Just think what would have happened otherwise when the Nazis came in. To this day I have never disclosed anything concerning the illness of the family Hitler."

"Do you know," said Frau Bloch, "Hitler hadn't forgotten my husband? When he drove through Linz after his entry into Austria in 1938 he passed our house and waved up to our window with a special smile."

The old doctor nodded confirmation. "That is to say, my dear," he said, "that is what they told us. You see," he turned to me, "as Jews we were not permitted to be at the window when our Fuehrer passed."

"I HAD thought," he said wistfully, "that perhaps I would be allowed to continue to practise in Linz. I thought perhaps our Fuehrer would recall how I had attended his mother in her last illness. But it was no good. All they would concede was that I



should be allowed to begin a new practice in Vienna. I was too well known in Linz as a Jew, they said. It would compromise the Fuehrer if I were allowed to continue to practise there. He could make no exception."

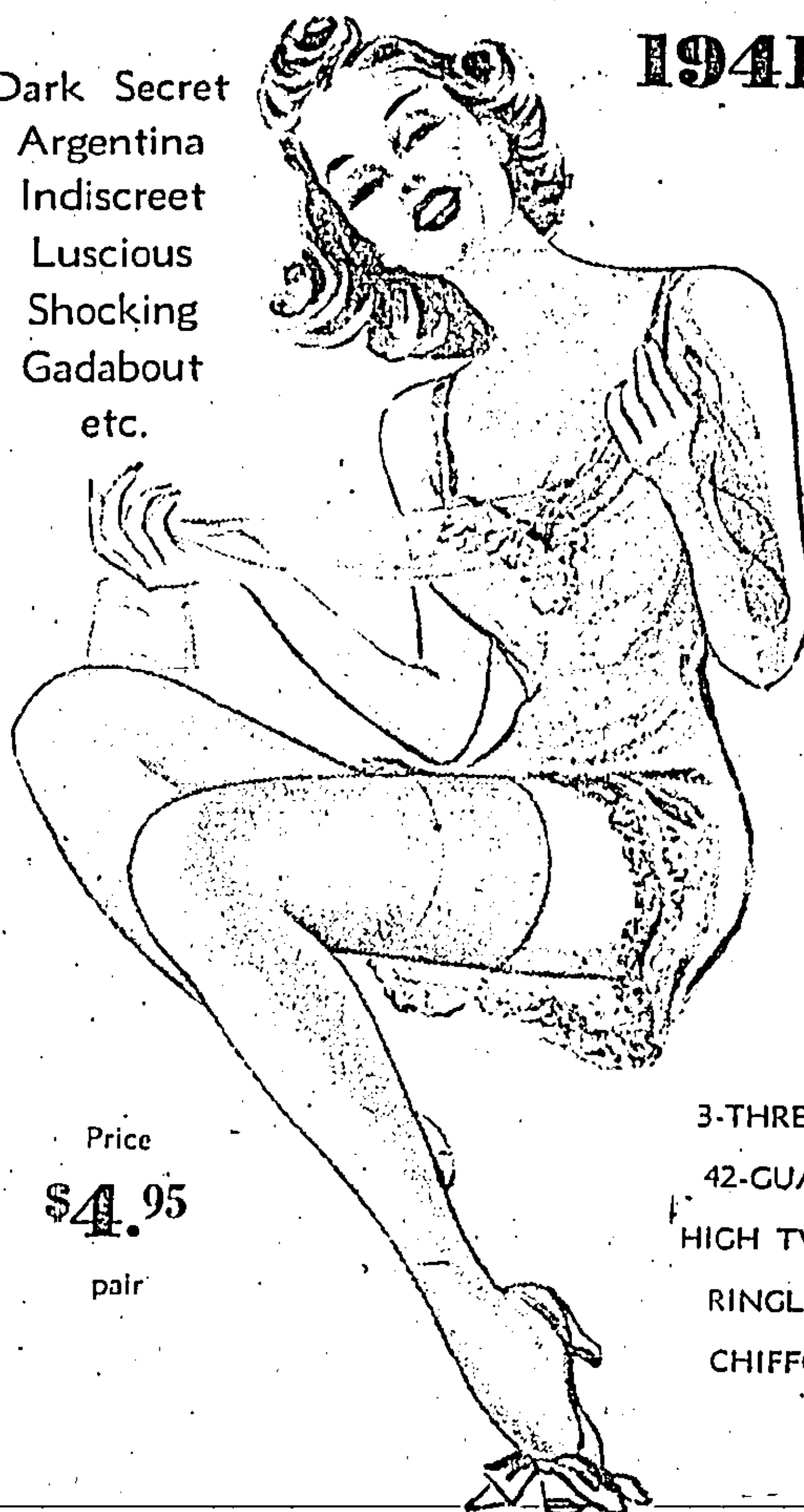
Nevertheless, Dr Bloch, who remained in Linz and did not try to start a new practice at the age of sixty-nine in Vienna, was allowed certain privileges which were denied the generality of Jews.

For instance, he was permitted to use the telephone. Yes, sir, he was permitted to use the telephone. "Before we left many of them came to see us to dissuade us from going," said the little Jewish doctor. "Uncle Doctor," they said to me, "how can you think of emigrating at your age? And auntie, too. Stay with us. It will soon all be different. I think in Linz they really loved us. Don't you think so, my dear?" he asked his wife. She did not answer. There were tears in her dim old eyes.

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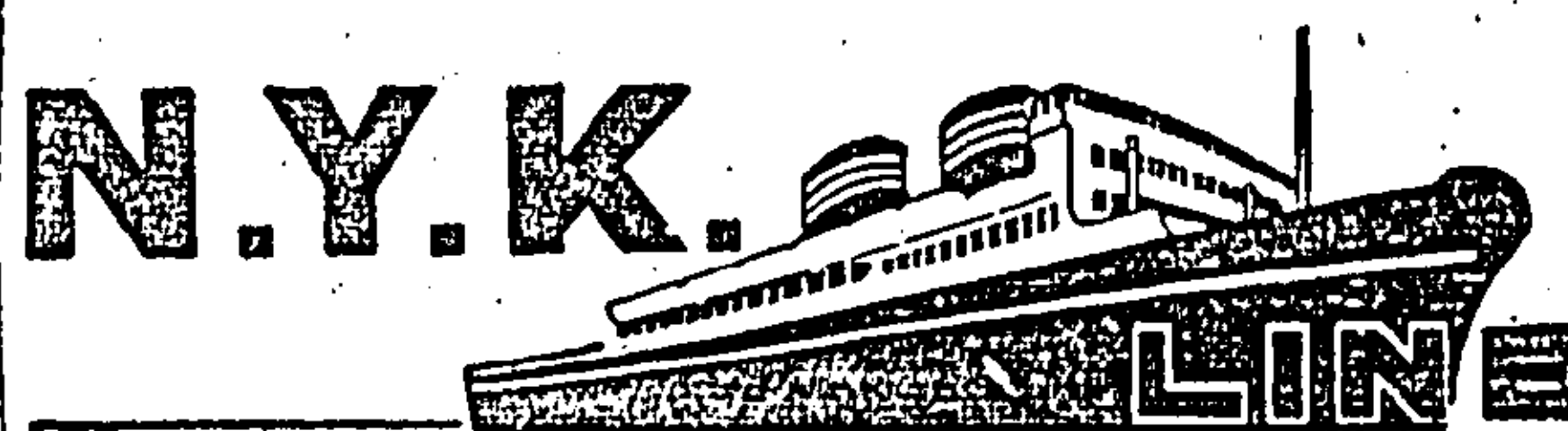
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Helan Maru ..... Wednesday, 2nd Apr.  
**SOUTH AMERICA** (West Coast) via Hilo & San Francisco  
 \*Tokoku Maru (start from Kobe) ..... Saturday, 5th Apr.

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Kasima Maru ..... Saturday, 22nd Mar.  
**BOMBAY** via Singapore & Colombo.

\*Toyooka Maru ..... Friday, 28th Mar.  
 Hakone Maru ..... Friday, 11th Apr.

**RANGOON & CALCUTTA** via Singapore

\*Ima Maru ..... Thursday, 20th Mar.  
 Hakodate Maru ..... Friday, 28th Mar.

**Kobe & YOKOHAMA**

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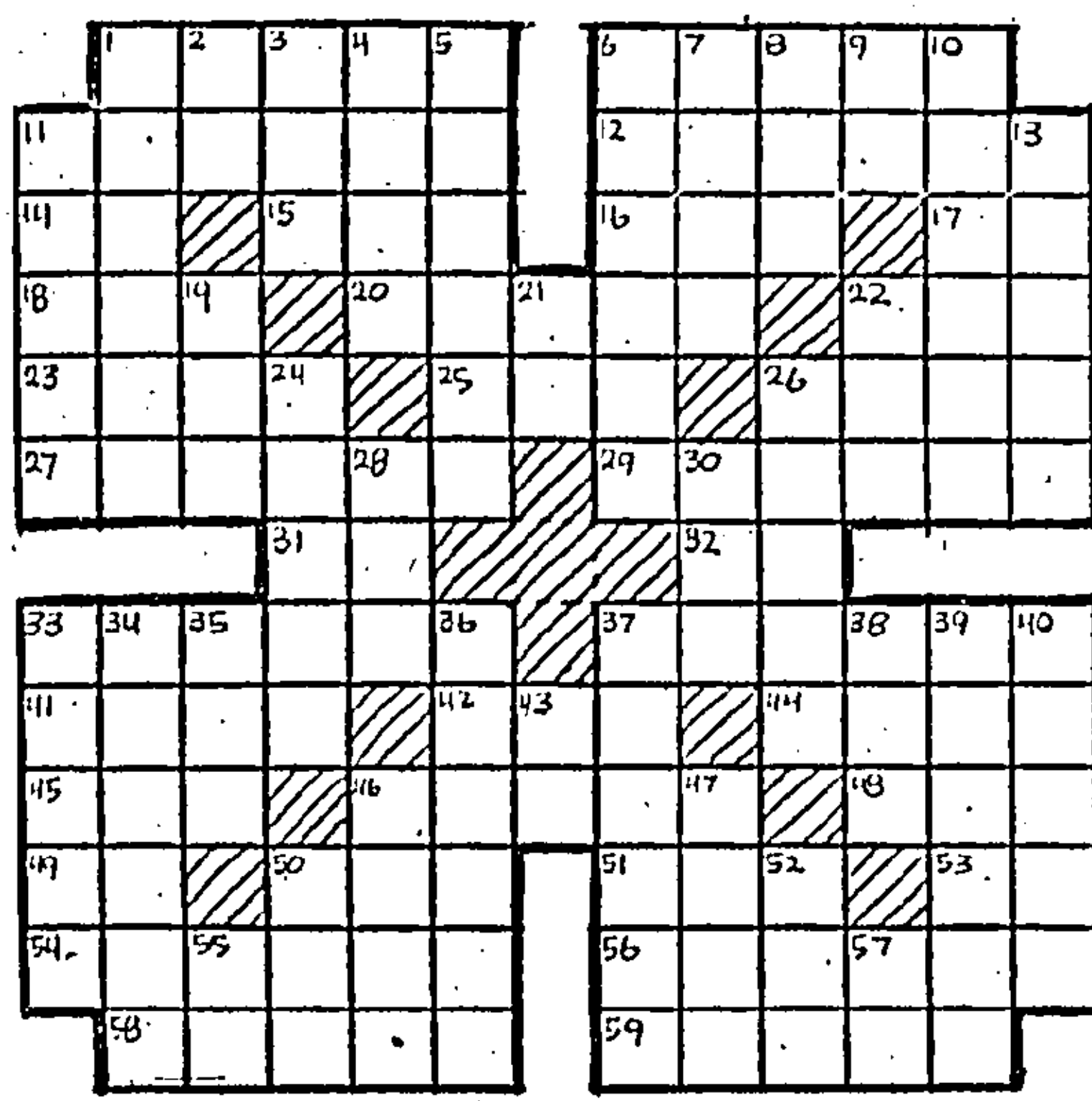
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
 1—Form  
 6—Frog's sound  
 11—Pie  
 14—You and I  
 15—Turf  
 16—Devoured  
 17—O sharp in M  
 18—John  
 20—Galia  
 21—Seed container  
 22—Let it stand  
 23—Optic  
 24—Walking stick  
 25—Fallow water  
 26—Fascios  
 27—Chinese measure  
 28—Tributary river  
 29—Triangular end-wall  
 30—Thore birds  
 31—Used command  
 32—Hummit  
 33—Roman emperor  
 34—Microfied particle  
 35—Influence promoting  
 36—Frenz: three  
 37—Constant (abbr.)  
 38—Shake up  
 39—Light east  
 40—Nan's nickname  
 41—Lauricite

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE  
 1—Roman money  
 2—Walk wearily  
 3—Black-waters  
 4—Center of volcano  
 5—Goes flat  
 6—Unclose  
 7—Jawatani lava  
 8—Jamaican garment  
 9—Central European  
 10—In home  
 11—Frenz: new  
 12—Halfway (abbr.)  
 13—Mile-lightly  
 14—Score  
 15—Small house  
 16—No situated  
 17—Split molecule  
 18—Caving  
 19—On a ship  
 20—Tian's nickname  
 21—Fouert  
 22—Fondle  
 23—Wandering  
 24—Dirties  
 25—Done  
 26—Pile  
 27—Rivers city  
 28—Fruit preserves  
 29—Carrier of heredity  
 30—Babylonian deity  
 31—George Russell

DOWN  
 1—Sword container  
 2—Exclamation



## FALLS INTO HARBOUR

A girl, Kwok Kit-ying, 15, residing at 531 Canton Road, first floor, Kowloon, accidentally fell into the harbour when she was walking along the waterfront in Chatham Road yesterday.

Fortunately, a sampan happened to be nearby, and the crew effected a rescue. A man, Chan Ming, of 42 Hillwood Road, second floor, also witnessed the accident, and he assisted in the rescue.

The girl was sent to Kowloon Hospital, suffering from immersion.

## King Of Greece Lauds Troops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
 ATHENS, Mar. 17 (UP).—King George of Greece to-day sent a message to his troops praising them for defeating an army visibly superior numerically.

He said: "You have won because in your veins flows the blood of warriors of Marathon and Thermopylae. Because right is with you. Because you opposed tanks and machines of the enemy with your heart and your will which is stronger than steel."

## Setting The French To Work

The German locusts have been feeding on France for the last five months, and now there is little left for them to eat. Now the Germans are determined to make the French work for them. The two million war prisoners are going to work in Germany, and their upkeep will, under the terms of the armistice agreement, be paid by the French Government. The French unemployed are being tempted to sign contracts for work in Germany. It is announced that in Paris alone 15,000 have already signed on. The Germans are keen to get under contract men from the engineering and building trades. The contracts bind the men to stay in Germany for as long as they are needed. Lastly, these industrial workers who are left in France will work chiefly for Germany's war needs.

The whole scheme is finely camouflaged as a "clearing arrangement" between Vichy and Berlin, an arrangement too complicated for a starving unemployed man to understand. The agreement concluded between Vichy and Berlin provides that all payments due by Germany in France shall be paid by the French Government. The scheme is, in effect, financed out of French inflation. The Germans, in addition to creating for themselves an artificially favourable franc-mark ratio, are filling up the French Treasury with paper marks—which the French cannot use.—(Manchester Guardian Weekly).

## Our Secret Weapon: Humour Musso Under Fire

The following are extracts taken from a letter just received by a well-known British firm in Hongkong from an officer of its parent organisation in England. Each month, the writer circulates such a letter to all the overseas branches of the organisation in order, as he says, to give an idea of conditions at home and particularly of the spirit of the English people.

"Poor old Musso! He and another baldheaded man put their heads together and made a perfect ass of themselves! Little Adolf, furious at the defeat in Egypt, asked him what had happened to his army and navy, about which he had boasted so much. "I only told you," said Musso, "they were in good running order. Besides, what can we do against the Australians? Eleven of them beat all England two years ago."

"Anyhow, Wops are going cheap in Egypt to-day—as for Wop Generals, you simply can't give 'em away. A little Cockney corporal, a keen fisherman in days of peace, was put in charge of some 257 prisoners—but only arrived back with 250. When asked for an explanation, he said "Seven were so small, that I simply had to put 'em back."

But Blissful  
 "On the Home Front, we remain blitzed but blissful, as I said in my Blitzmas greetings to you all. Damage has, of course, been suffered, but it is speedily made good. Our works have continued production unceasingly. The bulk of the destruction has fallen upon shops and houses—we have had a number of casualties amongst our employees, but every one occurred in their own homes. And the lousy

Hun still says he is bombing military objectives—that's what we golfers would call a "hanging lie."

"In London the nightly blitz continues, culminating in the great incendiary raid on the City three nights ago. The particulars have been published in the Press, and you've heard of the destruction of buildings which are dear to the hearts of all of us. In this stricken area lay the Headquarters of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. To-day, I visited these Headquarters. A taxi took me within a mile of it, and thereafter I walked over piles of rubble which had once been streets, amid the skeletons of buildings still smouldering.


Carrying On  
 "Of our Headquarters, one wall remains, identifiable only by the brass plate that was on it and by a notice saying that new offices had already been opened at another address.

"That's the spirit of England to-day—we carry on, and wait for the day of revenge. The other day I passed a little "pub," all its windows broken and somewhat battered besides, and this was the message it displayed:

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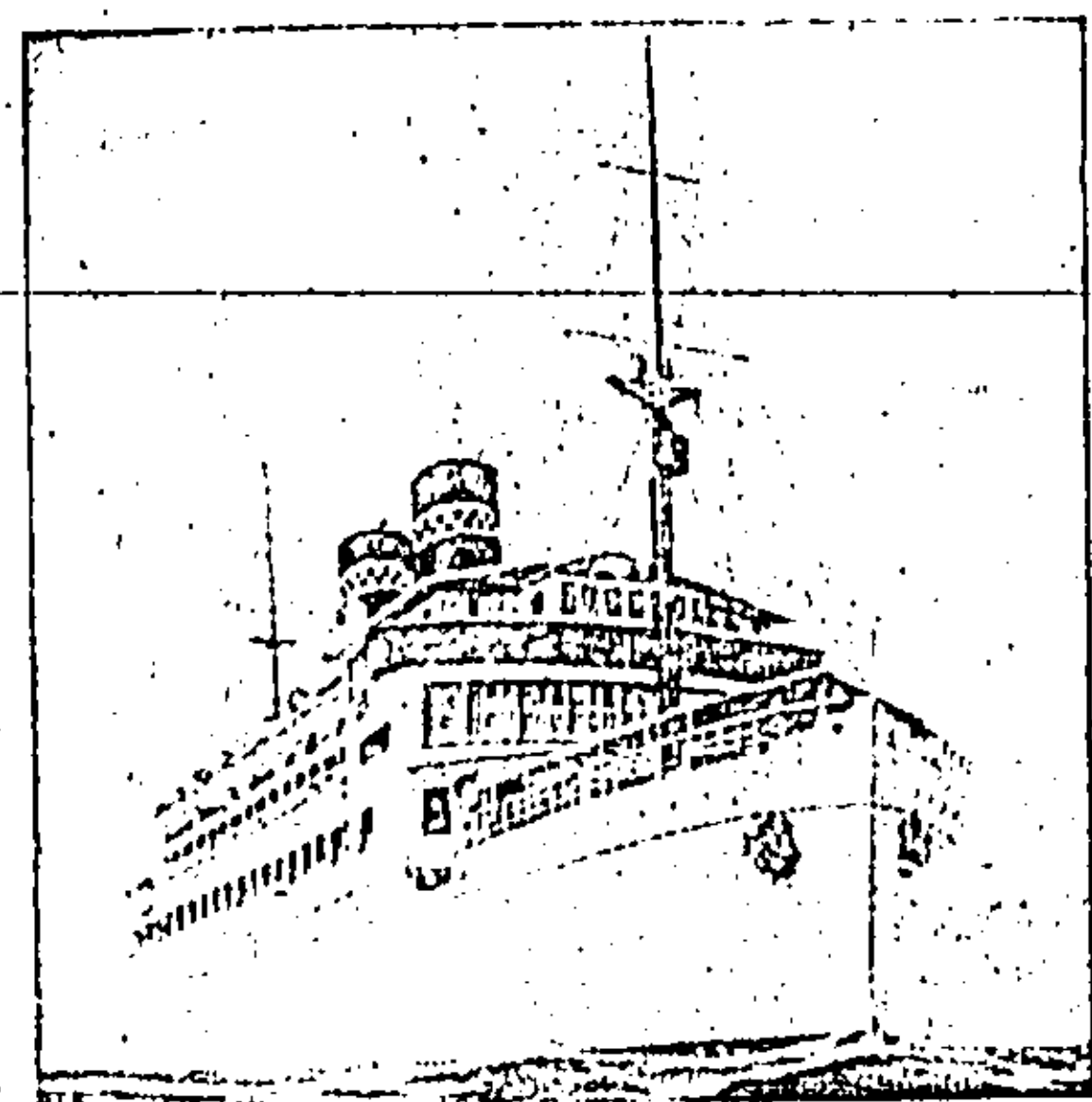
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#### DEATH

SADICK.—Christine, aged 27 years, beloved wife of O. Sadick, this morning at her residence at No. 52, Victoria Road. Funeral will take place this afternoon passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family and relatives of the late Bertha Maria Noronha d'Azevedo wish to express their thanks for kind sympathy in their recent bereavement, for attendance at the funeral, letters of condolence, floral tributes and Holy Mass Offering.

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#### HITLER'S HEADACHE

CHAPLIN may have intended solely to satirise Hitler in "The Great Dictator", yet Charlie's imaginative study of the Fuehrer as a spoilt, bad-tempered little boy who screams and raves when things don't go as he wants them to, comes very near the truth judged in the light of Hitler's latest speech to his people. It consisted of nothing but vague, generalised boasts and threats of what he and his military forces were going to do to Britain and her Allies. And these boasts were the product not of confidence, but of irateness and desperation caused by frustration of his magical schemes to eliminate Britain, his greatest and most deadly foe.

For these are the facts which Hitler had to face up to during the week-end, but which, to his own people, he would not admit: Britain had forestalled him in his Balkan quest by placing a formidable army in Greece ready to withstand any invasion from Bulgaria; Yugoslavia, undoubtedly encouraged by this fact, had told Hitler to go and play in his back at Berchtesgaden before they would sign away their freedom to him. The great Italian offensive launched under the personal direction of Mussolini has become a fiasco and a disaster—the Italians have lost some 50,000 more men and have not regained an inch of territory; the Lend and Lease Bill has become immediately operative and already new supplies are being rushed across the Atlantic to Britain; Hitler's night raiders have been given the worst beating since the start of the war, providing fresh emphasis to the fact that the Luftwaffe is being slowly, but surely driven out of the skies.

These are sober, unchallengeable facts; to Hitler, horrid and dispiriting. Already there are signs that the neurotic dictator is losing his initiative; actions are again giving precedence to words, and his promises are becoming more and more generalised. A few months ago he assured the German nation that the invasion of Britain was simply a question of him selecting the time for it; now he has fallen back on the defensive; invasion of England is dropped; instead he is "ready to meet Britain on any soil, on any seas and over any territory", which suggests that he is waiting for Britain to choose the venue, in the hope, presumably, that she will choose one which gives the Nazis the most advantage. It is a striking example of

# SEA POWER and the WORLD WAR

The brilliant military campaign-Mediterranean, with all its paign which has ejected the means, rests with the British Italian armies of invasion. The result is that British from Egyptian soil and tish warships have been able thrown them back in dis-to bombard the Italian order into Libya was only forces in the rear from the made possible by sea power, sea, and the supply of reinforcements. When Italy intervened in reinforcements and materials, the war her main task was including petrol and water, to assist Germany in defeat-by sea to the Italian forces ing the British Empire by in Libya, is made more difficult invading Egypt and secur-ficult.

By Lord Strabolgi

The correct strategy was this failure to risk all on a for the Italian Navy to be great naval engagement is concentrated and to seek a that the Italian Navy is undecisive engagement with a able to help its army against numerically inferior British the Greeks by creating Fleet based on Alexandria, diversions on the coast of Apparently the Italian Greece or by sending sea Higher Command believed expeditions to operate in the that the same object could Aegean.

be achieved by evasive or guerilla tactics. They hoped to lure the British Fleet within striking distance of their own Air Force and thus to win a naval battle without risking their six battleships, the backbone of the Italian Navy.

This was a strategical mistake of the first order, and is similar to the blunder made by the German High Command at the beginning of the last war. Then there was a favourable period when the British Fleet could have been engaged with some hope of success, but the same mistake was made of trying to preserve intact the main German Fleet.

In the event it was the Italian Fleet which was damaged by air attack, three, or possibly four, of their large ships being damaged at Taranto, and another one in the brief long-range action off Sardinia. The result is that the main Italian battle fleet is seriously reduced in numbers, and the command of the Eastern

naval control.

But never was a combat aircraft more appropriately named than the Gladiator, calling to mind the fighter in the arena. Although speed is not its great asset, probably no aircraft has ever been designed more suited to the close and intricate manoeuvres of air fighting.

Some of the most spectacular aerobatics and breathtaking formation flying seen at Hendon Displays before the war were carried out by Gladiators. And, as the first British fighter to mount more than two guns—four being the Gladiator's standard armament—it was the first multi-gun fighter to go into service. Gladiators were also used for the high altitude "weather flights" which were a feature of pre-war days.

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loss of confidence, but if he imagines that his blusterings are capable of luring the British leaders into a false move, he displays a typically naive understanding of British intelligence. The situation is developing quite nicely for Britain and she can afford to wait before she makes the move which will overthrow Hitler.

## The Boy Who Started Life on a Shoe-string!



## THE FARCE OF THE REICHSTAG

THE great shadow show with much noise has again been enacted in long-suffering Berlin. Hitler, having returned from one of his tours to the defeated, called the Reichstag to tell his hirlings all about his adventures.

No, for Hitler there must be a far more imposing setting. The big Kroll Opera House provides it. Here is a vast expanse where you can erect really fine rostrums and hang gigantic banners which are meat and drink to a true gauleiter. Strange metaphor you may say, but I have never yet seen a district leader in Germany unless he was surrounded by bunting as long as a battleship's "paying off" pennant.

But this solemn farce, which takes the place of the one time freely elected Parliament, is a sad tawdry affair. And es-

pecially for those of us who knew the Europe of a happier hour. So many Parliaments have topped in a decade, in far less.

The Reichstag was a real Parliament. It was elected by popular suffrage of both male and female adults, and the people retained the right of referendum and the initiation of laws. Hitler changed all that. To-day the Reichstag is just a body of Nazi nominees who travel to Berlin to cheer the Leader no matter what latest line of hyperbole he is putting out. It they do not applaud with sufficient vigour at the cry of the cheer leaders, their names are noted and a convenient opportunity is taken to remove them to another sphere of usefulness.

Hitler is well aware of this. If the Reichstag had survived it could never in Nazi eyes have been a worthy setting for the fulminations of Adolf Hitler. For that reason the burned out chamber is kept in its charred state as a reminder to good citizens of the dastardly methods of Communism, although it is difficult to see how the Fuehrer explains this away to his friend Stalin across the border.

Mussolini, like all dictators, also deprived the Italians of a constitutional parliament. One of the dearly prized privileges of those Italians who laboured for the unification of their land was the written constitution known as the Statuto.

This document established Italy as a constitutional monarchy with a Senate of 305 members and a Chamber, elected by adult suffrage of 535.

The system, even with the volatile Italians, worked very well, but it was not good enough for Mussolini and his Blackshirts. He swept the old Chamber away while still nominally retaining the Senate. The Chamber to-day is a "syndical corporation". Its members are supposed to be elected. What actually happens is that the voters as a whole are presented with a list of candidates all naturally ardent and active Fascists, whom they must elect, or reject, willy-nilly. Of course they always elect.

Now this rascal Quibling in Norway is also aping the game of the more successful adventurers. He is in progress of abolishing the famous Storting. Storting was the name given to the Norwegian Parliament of 150 members. One quarter of these sat in an upper chamber known as the Lathing and the rest in a lower house called the Odelthing. This last body was the more important for as in our own system it controlled all money bills.

One day a better time will return to the world. Let us hope that that better time will bring about a revival of the great Parliamentary institutions, yes, even the Reichstag.

## Last of the Biplanes

British, Canadian and Australian fighter pilots have recently been gaining glory in encounters over the Western Desert with fighter and bomber aircraft of Italy's Regia Aeronautica. Among the aircraft they have used is the Gloster Gladiator, last of the long line of fighter biplanes adopted by the R.A.F.

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Technically, the Gladiator may be described as a single-seater, equal-span biplane with metal structure fuselage and wings. Wing span is about 32 feet—five feet less than the Spit-

fire—and the single Bristol Mercury engine of 840 h.p. gives it a top speed of around 255 m.p.h.

During the Norway campaign a squadron of Gladiators distinguished itself in an epic fight against immense climatic difficulties and overwhelming odds. Operating from an improvised landing ground, 17 out of 18 Gladiators were lost in two days continuous fighting; but heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

Gladiators have since exacted their full revenge, in combat against the Italian invaders of Greece and Egypt, though often fighting against superior numbers. In one fight in Egypt recently, six Gladiator pilots met and routed 18 Fiat C.R.42 fighters; in another, four Australian, flying Gladiators, smashed a formation of 17 C.R.42's; whilst the exploits of "Lucky B" flight in clearing Egypt's air of the Italians have already made history.



# ARMED U.S. AID FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Steps to implement America's pledge to Britain mentioned to-day are firstly, the early release to Britain of a further considerable number of over-age destroyers; and secondly, the giving, shortly, of armed naval aid.

Legislative circles spoke privately but very definitely regarding destroyers while the naval aid report was given by Mr William Simms, chief writer on foreign affairs in the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

## Hands Are Full

Mr Simms asserts that armed aid, particularly naval aid, is foreseen as a virtual certainty following the President's speech on Saturday. He adds that it is believed in Washington that Britain's hands are too full effectively to fight off the new submarine menace and a new kind of help from America may become vital in view of President Roosevelt's statements that America would not cease aid until the "tyrants are totally defeated."

Fully qualified observers, Mr Simms adds, feel that giving over-age destroyers and mosquito boats is only a temporary measure to be followed by intervention by the United States Navy and the transfer of merchant shipping.

## Workers Needed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter). Vital defence industries were reported officially to-day to be facing a rapidly dwindling supply of skilled labour just when the Government is preparing to give effect to the British Air programme by increasing armament orders by over 60 per cent.

This was made clear at a conference of the Metal Trades Management and Labour representatives with the United States Production Chiefs, Mr William Knudsen and Mr Sidney Hillman, Miss Perkins, the Secretary of Labour, and other officials.

## Strong Words

Opening the conference, Mr Knudsen said: "We have got to go into production in America on a scale never approached before. Our need for ships and propulsion machinery for ships, tanks and planes is so great that upon you rests the responsibility of training more people in the shortest possible time in order to meet the deliveries sorely needed here and abroad."

Mr Knudsen urged ship-builders specifically to "give every skilled man three helpers to learn his work."

## Plane Gifts To Empire

ALL Sources Contribute  
LONDON, Mar. 17 (British Wireless).—After subscribing £100,000 for the purchase of lighter aircraft, the people of London have sent a further amount of £10,000 as the first instalment for the purchase of bombers.

The Olives and Hurlingham district of Buenos Aires has sent £5,000 for the purchase of aircraft.

The Governor of the French Cameroons has put at the disposal of the British Consul General at Douala, two boxes of gold amounting in value to £5,000 for the purchase of a Spitfire. Already one such gift has been made by public subscription and another purchase is well on the way.

## Society Beauties & Factory Girls to Work Together

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 17 (UP).—Daughters of the English peerage as well as Bertha the Beautiful Clothes Model, and Tillie the Tailor, were warned to-day by the Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr Ernest Bevin, to be ready to line up April 19 when every girl in Britain who is 20 years of age, will register for war work. Their 21 year old sisters will register a few days later.

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## Statement On Sale Of U. K. Stock

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—A British Treasury statement on the sale of British holdings in the American Viscose Corporation says that 90 per cent. of a public issue to be made in the United States will go to the Treasury.

The shares now sold totalled 440,000 shares which were held by Courtauld Limited (the great British rayon concern). The price to be paid to Courtauld will be settled between the Company and the Treasury or by arbitration.

This is the first fruit of the Peace-ock mission, which was to examine the possibility of making the best of British investments in the United States.

## Determination

The statement adds: "The sale of this valuable holding to American interests is evidence of the determination of the British Government to use every possible means of self-help at a time when they are receiving from the Government of the United States the measures of assistance set out in President Roosevelt's great speech on Saturday."

## Appeal To Red Party

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17 (Central News).—For Institute of Sun Yat-sen yesterday addressed a telegram to Mao Tse-tung, Lin Tse-hsiang, Tung Pih-wang, Teng Yim-chao, Wu Yu-chang, Chen Shao-yu and Chin Peng-shien, the seven Communist members of the People's Political Council, urging them to sink factional differences in the interests of the nation and the cause of national regeneration through the war of resistance and reconstruction.

The message recalled that the Chinese Communist Party had pledged allegiance to the San Min Chu I, the National Government and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and appealed to it to fulfil its pledge.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—In response to the appeal issued by the Director General of Supply, 485 revolvers, 252 compasses and 479 binoculars were received.

## JUSTICE IN NAZI NORWAY Judges Over-Ruled

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The new Peoples' Court established by Quislings in Oslo has already begun work.

Sixteen labour members of the Oslo Municipal Council, were accused of having taken part in a "demonstration against the New Order" and "having acted in a counter-revolutionary manner."

The two judges held that there was no case against the accused since they had not been guilty of any overt act. The judges, however, were over-ruled by the Presiding Magistrate and two lay magistrates who were, all supporters of the National Samling (Quisling Party) placed in their positions to ensure that there was always a majority for Nazi "justice."

## The Sentences

Two of the accused were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, two more to 15 months and the remainder were bound over.

All were excluded for ten years from participation in public affairs, thus automatically depriving them of seats in the Municipal Council.

## Compulsory Service Tribunal Two Cases Heard

Two cases were heard this morning by the Compulsory Service Appeal Tribunal, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor (Chairman), Brig. A. Peffer and the Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell.

The first case was that of Mr J. J. King, of Falconer and Co., who asked for re-assignment from the Combatant Group to the Essential Services Group on the ground that he could not find time for Volunteer training.

Mr King said that he was the sole European in charge of the firm, which was an agent for Admiralty charts the sale of which had to be looked after by a responsible person. Because of this he could not find time for training, although he would very much like to remain a Volunteer.

The Chairman said that the case was not an easy one as it did not strictly come within the purview of the Tribunal, but in view of what Mr King had said he would recommend that he be transferred to the Essential Services Group.

## Second Appeal

The other appellant was Mr A. J. W. Evans, of the British Cigarette Co., who appealed against being assigned to the Combatant Group on the ground that the nature of his work was such that he could not find time for training.

Mr Evans said that he was solely in charge of the manufacturing of cigarettes and he had to be on the spot the whole time. He was also responsible for the factory and machinery, in the event of an emergency and because of this he had just started on an A.R.P. course.

The Chairman remarked that he realised Mr Evans had a grave responsibility to his employees but if there were an emergency all this would go by the board. Further, there was nothing in the case which would induce the Tribunal to depart from what had been regarded as a sound rule—that persons of Mr Evans' age and medical category—should be in the Combatant Group. The appeal was dismissed.

## STOCK EXCHANGE

### Yugo-Slav Influence

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was cheerfully influenced by President Roosevelt's speech and the former Yugo-Slav attitude.

Industrials were meeting fair general inquiry with Courtaulds a special feature, advancing 2/- to 20/- on American Viscose sale.

Gilt-edged holdings turned dull but Indian stocks were firm, as also were home rails and Kniffls. Wall Street was firm.

## GERMAN CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 17 (UP).—The official news agency reports that German torpedo planes last Sunday attacked a strong British naval force 40 kilometres west of Grete, making direct torpedo hits on two battleships which were, for a long time, enveloped in black smoke clouds. The British squadron consisted of two battleships, six cruisers and several destroyers.

## Vivid News-Reel At Queen's Theatre

Patrons attending the Queen's Theatre during the next three days will be given the opportunity of seeing and enjoying a notable Paramount news-reel which takes the form of an interview with President Roosevelt, who in measured and definite terms, explaining the United States policy regarding the war against Nazism. In the course of the pictorial interview, President Roosevelt uses phrases which will go down in history as epoch-making. The President's message is timely and urgent.

The news-reel is completed with vivid scenes taken at the inauguration of Mr Roosevelt for his third term of office. It is a picture which should not be missed.

## U.S. Seeks Largest Air Force In World

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, March 17 (Dome).—The United States is now conducting a pilot training programme designed to produce the largest air force in the world, the "New York Times" reports.

The Army and the Navy together, only a few months ago, were turning out pilots at the rate of a few hundreds yearly, but under the new programme they are producing that many pilots in a single month.

The Army Air Corps is expected to be increased in strength from 3,322 flying officers to 6,180 within the next few months, while the Navy's latest information on pilot training reveals that it has about 3,000 cadets now in training.

Well-informed sources believe that the combined pilot strength of the Army and the Navy will aggregate about 20,000 men by late summer with the Army having at least 85,000 trained ground crew, says the "New York Times."

Meanwhile, it is understood that a civilian pilot training programme is building up a reserve of partly trained pilots, including 10,000 college students who will soon be pursuing advanced courses for the purpose of joining the Army and Navy air forces.

## BOMBS ON BENITO

### Successful Raids In Middle East

CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Further successful R.A.F. raids were announced in a Middle East R.A.F. communiqué issued in Cairo.

Heavy attacks were made on aerodromes at Castel Benito and Makina in Tripolitania. A direct hit was registered on an ammunition dump at the Benito aerodrome and fires were started on the other side.

Bombs dropped among the dispersed aircraft at Makina caused a number of fires which destroyed at least four aircraft, while others were severely damaged by bombs, and as the last bomber left, a violent explosion occurred among the dispersed aircraft.

In Eritrea very heavy attacks were made on enemy positions in and around Keren on Saturday and Sunday.

The R.A.F. also bombed and machine-gunned motor transport and troop concentrations, and also the railway and road.

## An Australian Finds Words

Tribute To Churchill

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—"Mr Churchill is, to use an Australian phrase, 'a hobby dazzer,' and a real 'crackerjack' who thrives on combat."

This tribute to the British Prime Minister was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, in Manchester to-night.

"He is one of the greatest leaders in all history, one of that rare type of men who do their best under strain." Terming President Roosevelt's all-out appeal for help to the democracies "magnificent," Mr Menzies said: "This American attitude proves that to be neutral you need not be entirely unintelligent, holding no opinions on the war, as some neutrals have thought. It also shows that you can still give tremendous assistance to a combatant country."

Mr Menzies described Hitler as holding the views of Alice in Wonderland that "What I say three times is true"—except that "Hitler" says it thirty times and it is still untrue!

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## ROOSEVELT STIRS THE UNIVERSE

### Reaction To Speech

ATHENS, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—By its President's speech, declares the newspaper "Proine" to-day, the United States ranges itself not only from a material standpoint but above all from a moral standpoint alongside the nations fighting for justice, liberty and civilisation.

That constitutes a guarantee that these things will finally conquer their enemies, the paper adds. Other papers all welcome President Roosevelt's speech, a typical comment being that of "Eleftheron Vima": "Greece will show herself worthy of the confidence the great American nation has shown in her, and after victory is won, will show her gratitude to those who lent her ample and spontaneous assistance."

### S. African Confidence

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Confidence is expressed in Government circles here that the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill will expedite the defeat of the Axis.

Commentators consider it impossible for the Axis to succeed against the combined might of the British Empire and the most powerful nation in the world, declares the lobby correspondent of the South African Press Association.

### Severing of Relations

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—That Hitler will soon sever relations with the United States is considered likely by Washington diplomatic observers, according to Mr William Simms, the well-known writer on the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

## NORDS MUST HUG COAST

### Shipping Rules

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—German nervousness regarding Norwegian coastal shipping finds expression in a fresh decree limiting its freedom of movement and enacting penalties that may extend to death, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The new order, which is issued by the Reich's Commissar, forbids coastal vessels to leave a Norwegian port without permission from the German authorities and decrees that no vessel shall depart from the route set out in the permit.

Fishing craft are forbidden to sail outside the limit of the Norwegian coastal waters which extend to a limit of 30 miles from the coast, while pleasure craft, sailing and other boats are forbidden to go more than three miles from the coast.

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The Committee of the British War Organisation Fund are most grateful to the stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club for their most generous donation of \$50,000.

## Nanking Official Assassinated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18 (UP).—A gunman shot and killed Hu Shao-ling, a pro-Wang Ching-wei official at 10 o'clock last night in the Shanghai department store area while hundreds of persons were on the street. The gunman fired two shots which killed Hu, then mingled with the crowds and escaped. Papers found on Hu identified him as a Nanking official.

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# "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

## Turning Back The Pavilion Clock

### Players Of Thirty Years Ago When "Tam" Pearce Was A Bowler Few As Good To-day

THERE WAS one match played off on Saturday last, a very unpleasant day, and not a wildly exciting game, though the result was of great importance to Recreo, as it now puts them very nearly on terms with K.C.C. 2nd Eleven who have to win their next match outright to get ahead of them.

The Recreo 2nd XI, who have shown considerable strength in batting, were taking no chances about going on too long, and a stand between A. G. Noronha (69 not out) and P. M. N. Silva (41 not out) enabled them to declare at 140 for 2 wickets.

The innings showed a rate of scoring of 5 runs per over which, considering the heaviness of the outfield, was not so bad.

#### A Collapse

AT one time when F. A. Curran and A. R. Sullivan were together, it seemed as if the Indians might do something, but once the second wicket stand was broken there was a complete collapse.

M. A. Remondos took 4 for 14, and E. M. L. Scores 4 for 12, and eventually the whole side was out for 58 runs, after having had 43 for 1 on the board.

It is greatly to be hoped that the improved weather which exists to-day (Monday) when I am writing these notes, will lead to a fine weekend and to some really cheerful cricket.

#### Old Days

AS there is no active cricket to write about, it has occurred to me that my readers may be interested by a few reminiscences of cricket as I saw it in my early days in the Colony. I may be inaccurate but it will be more in dates than in facts.

Things were rather complicated in that for the 1911/12 and 1912/13 seasons I was playing rugby and living out at the first house, Taipei (now the Police Bungalow) all the week. At first, our present Colonial Secretary, G. R. Sayer, W. Schofield (the last two both retired now) shared the mess, but I think I was the only one to go in regularly to play rugby, and Tommy King, as he was then known, always found me a camp bed in a small study at the Water Police Station.

Sayer, I believe, used to play cricket for the H.K.C.C. Sonny Wood (A.E.) used to play centre to me for a bit until he tore a muscle and gave up rugby. He was one of the Water Police Mess where Tommy King played for the Police C.C. and Robbie Hutchison (who died tragically in 1920) captained the Civil Service.

#### First Contacts

I CLEARLY recall that the first game of cricket I saw in Hongkong was in about January 1912, when I was being taken along to the Bowling Alley in the Club to

change for rugby. There was a game on the Club ground and I remember asking who that fellow was who was fielding so well to cover. I was told it was "Tam" Pearce, one of our best batsmen". He had, I believe, more or less given up bowling then and had concentrated on his batting. But there were giants in those days.

We have today one or two players who will equal them, but I doubt if even Alex Pearce is as brilliant as Dick Hancock at his prime.

And then there were Tam Pearce, Harry Hancock, W. C. D. Turner, A. C. Elborough, Stock Bird, Denis Donnelly and Lobster Reed, to name only a few. I know that I shall be called "laudator temporis acti," if anyone still knows Latin, or a copper-bottomed old was-bird if no one does. But it is my honest conviction.

Harry Owen Hughes and Donald Anderson were in the class and possibly Minu. Teddy Fletcher was. But beyond that I think the cricket standard here, and also in Shanghai, has deteriorated from that existing a quarter of a century ago.

#### The Pavilion

IN those days the Pavilion was in the corner by the curve from Queen's Road into Des Voeux Road. I remember being told that when the Club were anxious to move from their makeshift which had existed since the sixties in the Butterfield's corner of the ground, they had had their eyes on the present site, but the Hongkong Club had raised strong objection on the grounds that it would block out their light and air. I cannot vouch for the truth of the story.

The pavilion, as I first knew it, was not a massive affair, and a bit primitive in its arrangements as judged by our present luxurious standards.

But it had one advantage, and that was that you could watch the cricket with the light behind you. I shall hope to complete these scattered reminiscences next week or the week after if there is any cricket to write about next week.

### To-day's Tennis

The following are the matches in the Colony Tennis Championships to-day:

**OPEN SINGLES**  
W. J. Howard v. H. D. Rumjahn (7).  
**OPEN DOUBLES**  
O. Umecani and T. Inura v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8).  
P. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. Macdonald (4).  
C. H. H. Oxley and A. H. Barwell v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui (5).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Referees' Decisions

Sir.—I do not agree entirely with the views expressed by "Scribbler" which appeared in your paper last Saturday.

I always believe that, unless the players and spectators are taught to accept the referee's decision as final, it is no use to have any competitive games. If we allow protests and re-plays there will be no end of trouble.

When a referee errs only on one side, it does not necessarily mean that he is biased—he may be perfectly honest. There may be "black sheep" among them, but we can get rid of these quite easily. The best way would be for the Referees' Association to give the name of the referee a week or a few days before a match, and this referee is to be approved of by both teams. In other words, any side has the right to refuse him.

To protest against a referee's decision or to ask for a replay is, in my opinion, contrary to the idea of sport and the spirit of good sportsmanship. I am afraid that the recent "football riot" in Shanghai was the result of the same misunderstanding.

A CHINESE SPORTSMAN.

#### Athletics

### J. Macaulay Prominent At D.B.S. Sports

RECORDING four 1st's, three 2nd's and two 3rd's in eleven events, J. Macaulay, took individual honours at the Diocesan Boys' School annual athletic sports meeting held at the school ground yesterday. Midway championship was won by Kok-ling and junior to P. Mugford.

The inter-house competition was very close. It was a duel between Yehow House and Blue, with the former capturing first place by only four points. Totals were: Yellow 167 and Blue 163.

Results were:  
100 yards (Senior).—1. H. Wong; 2. L. Jernakoff; 3. F. Lam. Time, 17.20.  
Middle.—1. E. Read; 2. Tan Kok-ling; 3. B. Lin. Time, 1.10.  
100 yards (Junior).—1. Lim Hong-hong; 2. Ng Luen-fuk; 3. Lee E-shan. Time, 1.10.  
High Jump (Senior).—1. Lim Hong-hong; 2. J. Macaulay; 3. S. Hall. Height, 5 ft 3 in.  
Middle.—1. E. Read; 2. Tan Kok-ling; 3. B. Lin. Height, 4 ft 7 in.  
Low Jump (Senior).—1. Lim Hong-hong; 2. Ng Luen-fuk; 3. Lee E-shan. Height, 3 ft 7 in.  
Back Hurdle (Senior).—1. P. Yew; 2. B. Lin; 3. Tan Kok-ling. Time, 1.10.  
Long Hurdle (Senior).—1. Ng Luen-fuk; 2. Lee E-shan; 3. Tan Kok-ling. Time, 2.10.  
400 yards (Senior).—1. J. Macaulay; 2. J. Jernakoff; 3. F. Lam. Time, 2.45.  
Junior.—1. P. Mugford; 2. Lee E-shan. Time, 3.25.  
800 yards (Senior).—1. E. Read; 2. Tan Kok-ling; 3. B. Lin. Time, 2.20.  
Three-legged race (Middle).—1. E. Read; 2. Fung Kien-shing; 3. Tan Kok-ling. Time, 2.20.  
100 yards (Junior).—1. Lim Hong-hong; 2. Ng Luen-fuk; 3. Lee E-shan. Time, 1.10.  
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**Obstacle Race (Senior).—**Wong Kam-chung; 2. N. Au-Yang; 3. W. Macaulay. Time, 3.20.  
**Junior.—**1. P. Yew; 2. J. Ramsey; 3. Tan Kok-ling. Time, 3.20.  
**Shot-put (Senior).—**1. Wong Ching-tong; 2. S. Hall; 3. P. Cheng-ling. Distance, 30 ft 2 in.  
**Junior.—**1. Brown House; 2. Green House. Distance, 12 ft 0 in.

**Club Relay.—**1. Yellow; 2. Blue; 3. Green.  
Pits Gained by Club.—Yellow, 167; Blue, 163; Green, 163.

The following events were decided last week:  
Cros Country (Senior).—1. C. Trux; 2. D. Trux; 3. J. Macaulay. Middle.—1. Tan Kok-ling; 2. W. Newburn; 3. B. Lin. Junior.—1. P. Mugford; 2. Lee E-shan.

**Mile (Senior).—**1. C. Trux; 2. J. Macaulay; 3. D. Trux. Time, 5.20.  
Middle.—1. Tan Kok-ling; 2. E. Read; 3. B. Lin. Time, 5.41.  
800 yards (Junior).—1. J. Macaulay; 2. C. Trux; 3. Hui Yuanyo. Time, 2.21.25.  
Middle.—1. Tan Kok-ling; 2. E. Read; 3. B. Lin. Time, 3.20.

**Throwing the cricket ball (Senior).—**1. J. Macaulay; 2. S. Hall; 3. Hui Yuanyo. Distance, 74 yds 6 in.

#### Rugby

### R.A. To Meet M'sex To-day

The following will represent Royal Artillery against 1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment in an Army Rugby League match at Sookunpo, to-day, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.:  
Lieut Fairclough (5th A.A.); Gnr Eastbrook (5th A.A.); Gnr Sutcliffe (5th A.A.); Gnr Keeble (12th A.A.); Gnr Liddle (12th A.A.); Gnr Richards (12th A.A.); Gnr Skips-worth (12th A.A.); Gnr Robinson (12th A.A.); Gnr Conke (12th A.A.); 2/Lt Wedderburn (5th A.A.); 1/Lt Clark (5th A.A.); Gnr Turner (12th A.A.); 1/Lt Fair (12th A.A.); Gnr Bell (12th A.A.); 2/Lt Edlin (12th A.A.); and P.R. McDermott (12th A.A.).

#### Badminton Championships

### Junior and Mixed Doubles Matches at King's College

THREE MATCHES in the Junior Doubles Badminton Championship and one in the Mixed Doubles were played at King's College last night. The results were:

#### JUNIOR DOUBLES

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chui beat E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho 17-15, 15-10.  
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat J. Hooi and T. B. Teoh 15-9, 15-11.  
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano 15-2, 15-5.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

P. Wong and Miss O. Ribeiro beat E. and Mrs. Zimmern 15-9, 15-4.  
As indicated by the scores, the first game of the doubles was the most exciting. Rallies were on several occasions prolonged, but more often than not the decision fell to the first named who were quicker and more accurate.

Pereira and Xavier had the measure of Hooi and Teoh from the start. They had an easy time in the first set, but in the second, when the losers had somewhat recovered, play was more even and the rallies more prolonged.

But in the third junior game, Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were far the superior in both combination and execution of shots. B. Gosano strove hard, if not to avoid defeat then to make a better match of it, but received weak support from Yvanovich.

#### Mixed Doubles

THERE was only one player in the Mixed Doubles, and that was P. H. Wong, last year's triple champion. He dominated in all the rallies. The Zimmerns were never given the opportunity of settling down, for right from the start Wong had the shuttle flying from one side of the court to the other.

Misunderstandings, however, played their part in the Zimmerns' defeat. Several shots dropping to the short fore-court were not attempted; Mrs. Zimmern, who with Miss D. Eardley is tipped for the women's doubles, had little to do, but on the other side of the net, Miss Ribeiro gave Wong considerable support.

#### To-day's Programme

##### (AT RECREIO)

**Junior Doubles**  
7 p.m.—L. J. Anderson and W. Gillies v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung.  
**Junior Singles**  
7.45 p.m.—R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo.  
8.30 p.m.—T. S. Young v. J. Tsang.

##### Mixed Doubles

9.15 p.m.—E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v. H. E. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley.

#### Inter-School Sports

The heats of the Inter-School Athletic Sports will be held at Caroline Hill at 2 p.m. to-day. The finals will take place on Friday.

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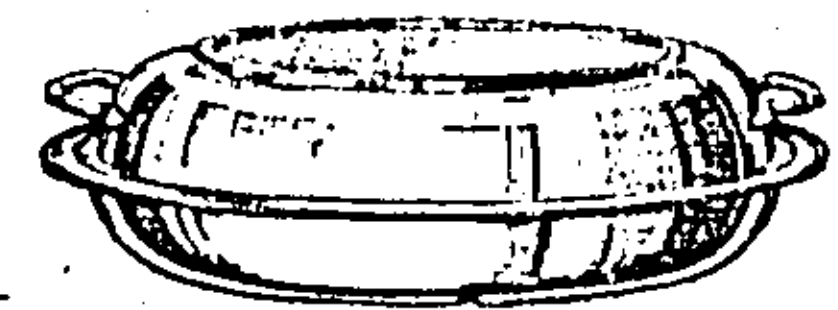
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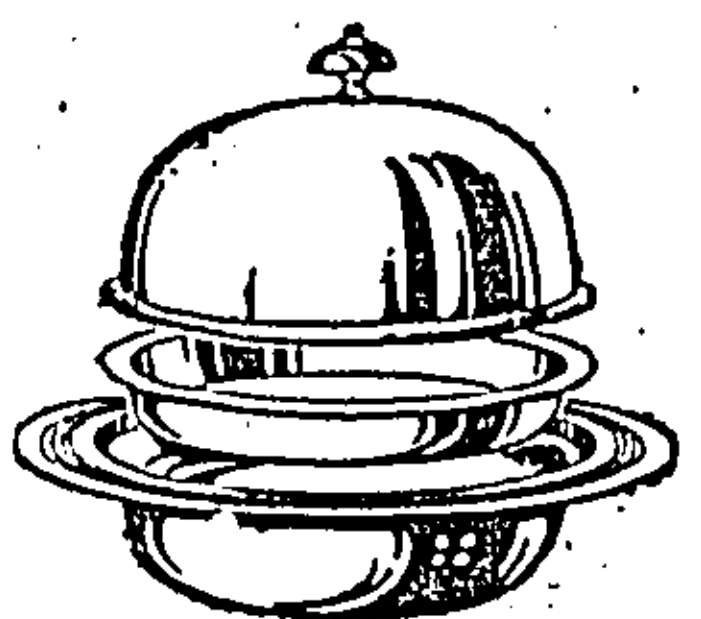
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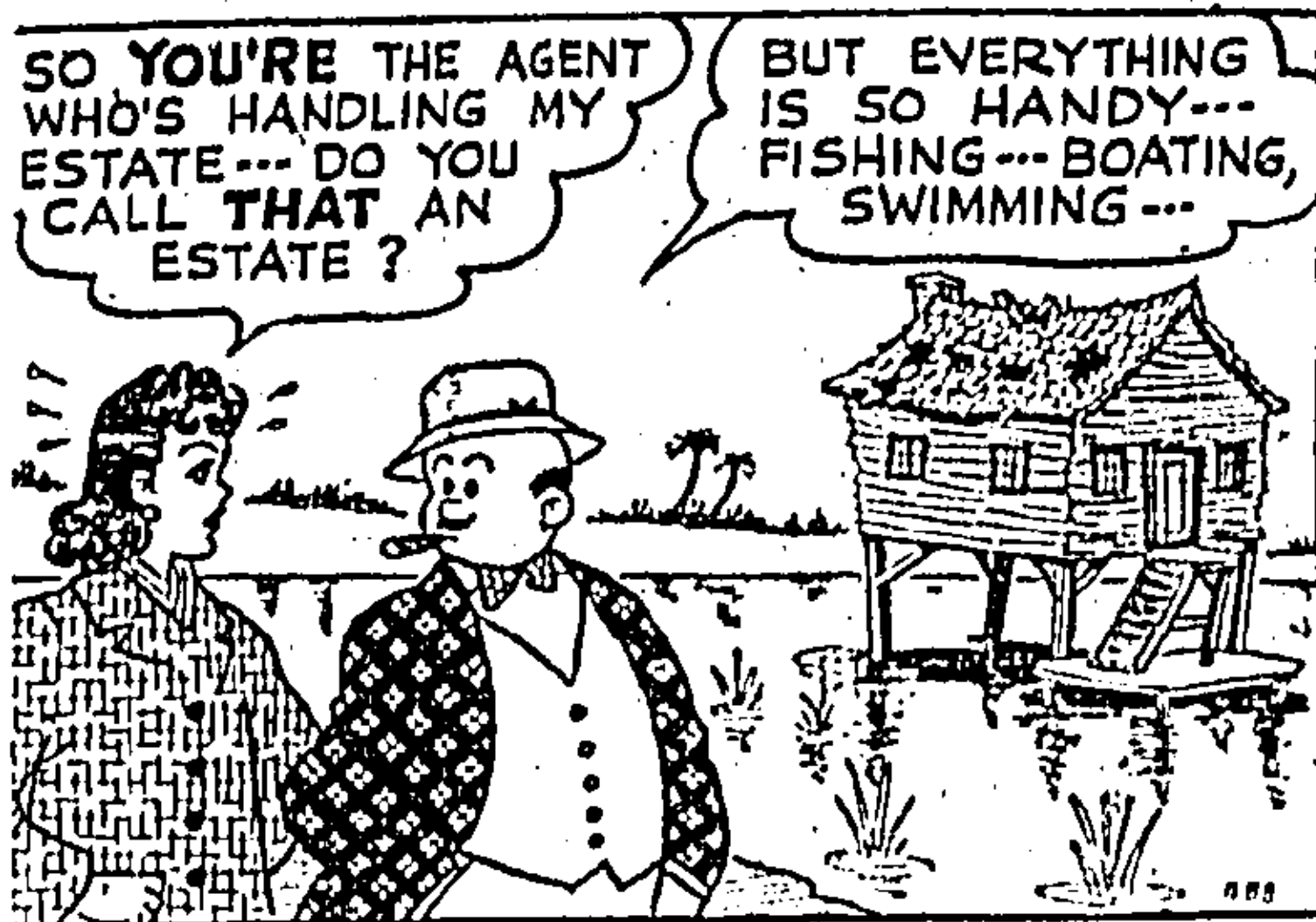
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## Bristol People Trapped By Lull in Air "Blitz"

Special to the "Telegraph"

BRISTOL, Mar. 17 (UP).—A lull between two air raids here last night fooled many people who left the air raid shelters and went to bed. They were caught in an intense "blitz" in which there were many casualties, including some killed.

High explosive bombs crashed into a church crypt where a large number of people were taking shelter and many were killed. Another public shelter was hit causing many deaths.

### Official Communique

LONDON, Mar. 17 (UP).—An Air Ministry communique states that high explosive bombs caused a fire which did "considerable damage" in a west England town during air raid last night, lasting some hours.

"There were a number of casualties including people killed. Bombs were also dropped on a number of other districts but the total damage was small and very few casualties were caused. One enemy aircraft was shot down and destroyed. Other districts mentioned in the communique surround the town which was subjected to the blitzkrieg. In east Scotland bombs fell on wasteland without damage. A night raid was destroyed last night this being the 36th within eight days and the 42nd for the month of March.

## WAR BONDS FOR BROOCHES

—Paying In Kind

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17 (Central News).—For the convenience of those who like to dispose of their gold and silver ornaments, bullion or other things readily convertible into cash, the War Loans Campaign Committee has announced a set of regulations concerning subscription to the 1940 issue of government bonds by "paying in kind."

It is specified that the gold and silver exchange agency of the Central Bank of China will be responsible for appraising and cashing such ornaments. The authorities reserve the right of refusing acceptance of certain types of payment in kind which cannot be readily converted into cash.

HYDERABAD, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The Nizam's Government has offered to raise a full R.I.A.S.C. company.

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## JAPANESE TALKS IN N.E.I.

—Friendly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BATAVIA, Mar. 17 (Dome).—The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Kentich Yoshizawa, chief delegate to the Japanese-Dutch economic conversations, will leave on Friday for a visit to Medan on the north-eastern part of the island.

Mr. Yoshizawa met Mr. H. J. van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands East Indies Government, on Saturday for 40 minutes "in a friendly atmosphere."

## U.S. Warships On Goodwill Visit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—British diplomatic sources to-day regarded the goodwill visit of six American warships to Auckland as a demonstration of Far East co-operation between the United States and Britain.

The Navy Department disclosed that two of the newest 10,000-ton cruisers and four destroyers were dispatched from the base at Pearl Harbor for a three-day visit, and it is believed that the vessels had already arrived before the announcement was made last night.

The move is regarded as another chapter in the "war of nerves" in the Pacific, the ships being dispatched as Mr. Matsukata left for Berlin while the action was closely followed by President Roosevelt's declaration of the utmost aid for China.

## Royal Air Force Awards

Woman Gets O.B.E.

LONDON, Mar. 17 (British Wire).—Squadron Leader R. M. Longmore, son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, receives the O.B.E. Recipients of decorations are: C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal N. H. Bottomley, F. J. Linnell, G. R. M. Reid and R. Paul. C.B.E.—Acting Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Bromet, Air Commodore E. S. Goodwin and Group Captain G. M. Lay. Forty-four officers are awarded the O.B.E. One of these is a woman, Felicity Haury, of the W.A.A.F.

Other awards comprise one M.C., nine A.F.C.'s (one posthumous), two M.B.E.'s, three A.F.M.'s and 14 M.B.E.'s.

## William Hearst Speaks Out For Mr Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—"We are in the conflict now, irretrievably involved in it," is the comment of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper magnate, on President Roosevelt's speech in today's "New York Journal-American." Mr. Hearst described the speech as "good," adding: "The United States has been brought into war by a masterly series of good speeches... We must unite in standing by the Government we have elected and the policy we have determined upon. There is only one way out of our situation now and that is by victory."

## British Honour Gen. Papagos

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—The Greek Commander-in-Chief, General Alexander Papagos, is to be made an honorary Knight Grand Cross (Military Division) of the Order of the British Empire. It was announced in London to-night.

## FRANCO-THAI AGREEMENT

SAIGON, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is officially stated that four Government experts will leave for Tokyo on Wednesday from Hanoi to set down the details of the Franco-Thai agreement.

## Chinese Journalism

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central News).—At the meeting of the Chinese Institute of Journalism yesterday Messrs T. T. Hsiao, Tsao Kuoping, Peng Kch-cheng, Chow Hsin-yueh, Thomas Meng-heng Chao, Ma Hsin-yeh and Ho Tsen-wei were elected executive directors. Mr. Pan Kung-chang, Bishop Paul Yu Pin, Messrs Chang-chang, Kang Hsin-shan, and Lo Cheng-lich were elected members of the Standing Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

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## DEFENCE BILL SIGNED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day signed the fourth supplemental defence appropriation bill for \$1,533,000,000.

The Navy portion is \$681,000,000 including funds to continue work on the Atlantic bases acquired from Britain and also numerous Pacific projects including Guam, and Samoa. The Army gets \$852,000,000 mainly for the construction of cantonments.

## TURKEY'S REPLY TO HITLER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—ISTANBUL, Mar. 17 (UP).—It is reliably reported that a Turkish courier has already arrived in Berlin with Turkey's reply to Hitler.

Authoritative sources in Turkey stated that President Inönü's reply does not contain any "proposition," hence it does not require any special answer; they emphasized that it was merely a courteous approval and thanks for Hitler's assurances.

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## Many Die In Blizzard

U. S. States Blanketed In 8-Foot Drifts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FARGO, N.D., Mar. 17 (UP).—Rescuers continued to find frozen bodies in snowdrifts today. The known dead now amounts to 57 in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Bitter cold hampered the searchers, the temperatures ranging as low as 17 below zero. The drifts are eight feet deep in many places.

Most of the victims were found frozen near automobiles or on roads on which they were trying to reach safety.

About 20 persons are reported to be still missing.

Moves On To Canada

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (UP).—The storm centre has swung northeastward over Canada after taking at least 60 lives in Minnesota and North Dakota. A cold wave with strong winds is expected along the Atlantic coast but the main brunt of the storm is expected to pass to the north.

## British Firms Are Victimised

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such acts against neutral interests with clearly defined rights.

Trade At Standstill

Speaking of British trade in Hankow, Mr. Tait asserted: "Apart from a few shipments previously arranged early in the year, there has been no British and foreign participation in any export trade unless the local sale of balances of accumulated stocks of wood oil, bristles, tea and cotton to interests rigorously controlled by the Japanese authorities can be so described."

"On the import side, there was not one British trade transaction reported."

Mr. Tait proceeded: "Looking down the river, the pace of progress is quite blank. Tenancy and use of British properties continue to be forebodingly denied and even the chimera of re-opening the Yangtze to foreign trade and navigation as far as Nanking has faded so that to-day, out of the 1,400-mile stretch from Shanghai to Chungking, the British services operate only the last 170 miles."

The Chairman stated that all British and foreign tonnage, excluding Japanese, remained idle all the year long and even yet the full legitimate use of wharves and piers had not been restored in spite of fresh approaches to the Japanese who continued to enforce their prohibitions owing to "military necessity."

## RETAKEING OF BERBERA

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whole Imperial forces in north-east Africa will be available for employment where they can best be utilised.

Supply Route Open

CAIRO, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—With the recapture of Berbera, another threat to Addis Ababa is developing, a British spokesman stated here this evening.

Empire troops are now steadily closing on the heart of the Italian Empire from 13 points.

The recapture of Berbera, the spokesman added, is also expected to ease the supply problem considerably.

It is recalled here that when the Italians entered Berbera in August, 1940, Rome radio proclaimed that the collapse of the British Empire was inevitable, and that the Red Sea had been closed to the Royal Navy.

It is not yet possible to say whether the British successes on the Keren front are a prelude to an offensive or form part of the steady fighting which has been going on for six weeks, but "Reuter" is told: "Things are boiling up at Keren again."

## European Officer Acquitted

Assault On Chinese

The summons against J. F. Walters, Chief Engineer, s.s. Kau Tung, for assaulting an Immigration Officer, Mr. Pau Pokwan, was dismissed by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning when judgment was delivered.

Walters was charged with assaulting Mr. Pau when the latter tried to prevent him from leaving the vessel on the morning of February 16.

It was stated at the last hearing that after Walters had left his ship and was on the wharf, Complainant, who was standing in the gangway called out some abusive words after him. The words so provoked Defendant that he returned and hit Complainant.

Mr. J. H. B. Lee, of the Immigration Department, prosecuted, and the defence was conducted by Mr. D. L. Strellett.

## Blow Was Struck

His Worship in his judgment said: As I said the last time the case came up there was no dispute as to the fact that a blow was struck, and I also said that I was satisfied that it was struck not because the Defendant was trying to prevent Complainant from doing his duty, but because of the provocative words used by Complainant.

The Defendant was undoubtedly guilty of common assault, but the summons against him was for obstructing Complainant in the execution of his duties. These two offences are entirely of different nature, and I therefore find Defendant not guilty of the summons made against him.

## LATE NEWS

## Cholera Incidence Remains High

The cholera epidemic shows little signs of abating. During the past 24 hours another 41 cases have been reported. Of these 26 came from Victoria, ten from Aberdeen and Rural Hongkong, four from Kowloon and one from Shaikwan.

Since the outbreak started a few weeks ago, 245 cases have been officially reported.

## Airways Office To Close Down

The British Overseas Airways Corporation (formerly Imperial Airways) announce that are closing their Hongkong office at the end of this month.

Any enquiries for passenger accommodation or other information can be obtained after this date from Travel Agents.

## Traffic Cases 17 Bus Drivers In Court

E. B. Teeddale, of Starlight Villa, Victoria Road, Pokfulam, was fined \$5 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he was summoned for leaving his car, No. 6341, unattended in Salisbury Road near the Star Ferry from 1.20 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. on February 12. He admitted the offence.

Seventeen drivers of buses belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company were cautioned for failing to stop their buses close to the left of the road when picking up or setting down passengers. They all pleaded guilty.

## RICE SITUATION IN HONGKONG

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stocks consisted of rice of different qualities.

Silent About Stocks  
He stated that by far the greater proportion of rice consumed in the Colony was of the poorer qualities, but he declined to release figures of the stocks held under the Control Scheme beyond saying that the position was entirely satisfactory.

It will be recalled in this connection that the original aim of the Government under the essential commodities conservation scheme was to acquire a reserve stock of 1,300,000 piculs which, together with approximately 200,000 piculs normally held by merchants, is estimated to be sufficient for five months' consumption, basing the rate of consumption at 10,000 piculs per day with an estimated population of 1,500,000.

## Women Doctors For The Army

NEW DELHI, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—A number of posts in the British military medical services in India will be opened to British women medical practitioners, it is announced.

The selected candidates will be attached to the R.A.M.C. as medical officers with military status but without commissions.

It is proposed in the first instance to employ the selected candidates in British military families and hospitals.

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Thyssen's Fate

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ZURICH, Mar. 17 (UP).—As far as can be ascertained, Herr Fritz Thyssen, the well known German industrialist, is still in German hands at an unknown place after the French authorities, last December, had taken him from Cannes to Vichy.

MR. MATSUOKA

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has arrived at the Russian frontier station of Ogor, states a message to the German official news agency. He is on his way to Berlin.

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